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Letellier Tops In Council Race...
Servis To Face Mayor In November...

Johnson Once Again Puts Up Big Election Numbers!!!

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If Tuesday's primary election results are any indication, the voters are looking for some changes on the Town Council, but not in the executive office.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson claimed the top spot in a field of five candidates, beating Town Council President Kent P. Servis by more than 1,000 votes. Eliminated from the race were Frank Lawlor, Charles Avezzie, and Valentine Moreno.

Capturing 54 percent of the votes (2,483), Johnson will face off against Servis in his fifth bid for the town's chief executive office.

With 1,475 votes, Servis grabbed 32 percent of the votes, leaving Frank Lawlor in the third spot with 531 votes (12 percent) and Charles Avezzie and Valentine Moreno trailing far behind with 71 and 55 votes, respectively.

Despite ideal weather conditions, voter turnout was low at 29 percent, according to Town Clerk Richard Theroux. "The turnout was about what I had predicted," Theroux said. "I certainly would have hoped it would be better. Everyone should take advantage of their opportunity to vote."

Assistant Clerk Judy Beauregard said 4,694 of the 16,181 registered voters showed up at the polls. There were two write-ins in the mayoral

election (six votes for Abe Kasparian and one vote for Paul Trimboli), and two write-ins in the council race (one vote for Donna Jago and one vote for Melanson).

The mood at Johnson headquarters was jubilant as several dozen supporters, along with nine town council candidates, gathered to await the election returns. Although pleased with the margin of his victory, Johnson is taking nothing for granted.

"I'm grateful to the people who supported my candidacy and to the people who have been with me and have worked on my campaigns since 1989," Johnson said. "We're going to work just as hard in the next four weeks and, hopefully, the people's faith in me will still be there."

The final tally shows Johnson besting his combined opponents by eight percentage points.

Servis Is Confident He Can Close The Gap...

But Servis is confident he can close the gap by working hard and continuing his door-to-door campaign in the next four weeks remaining before the general election on November 4th.

After receiving Lawlor's endorsement, Servis said he was confident of garnering all the votes that might have gone to the three candidates who

had been eliminated from the race.

"I don't think any of the numbers (in the mayoral or council race) are going to be indicative of what we're going to see in November," Servis said. "We're going full steam ahead now that the primary is over. We're very encouraged by the results."

Veteran political observer and one-time mayoral candidate Anthony Bonavita had a different view of the importance of the primary election results, especially in the Town Council race.

"It means a lot because it sets the trend for the general election," Bonavita said. "What I'm seeing is that the people who worked hard did very well. How hard you work as a candidate is a

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The Great Pumpkin...



RUSSELL WEBSTER OF AGAWAM, owner of R.G. Webster Enterprises, prepares to lift a giant pumpkin onto a scale during the Giant Pumpkin contest at the recent BIG E.

Blast Levels Automotive Repair Shop



GAS FUMES THAT IGNITED blew away Porth's Precision Automotive on Washington Avenue Extension on Monday afternoon. When firefighters arrived, the building was fully engulfed. RELATED PHOTOS INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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reflection of how hard you'll work as a councilor."

Looking over the results in the council race, Bonavita said the voters went with the candidates who had run positive campaigns rather than attacking other candidates for their positions.

"People are sick of the negative," Bonavita said. "You have to tell the people what you're going to do for the town rather than knock what someone else has done, believing they have made the right decision."

In the council race, the top 11 vote-getters were a mixed bag of veteran and former councilors, the chairwoman of the Democratic Town Committee, and two political newcomers.

Four councilors considered allies of the Mayor have finished in the top eight, despite two years of unremitting criticism from opponents of the Berkshire Power Project.

Coming in on the bottom half of the slate are candidates whose political careers have been launched or resurrected as a result of their opposition to the proposed power plant.

A Political Paradox...

However, in something of a political paradox, Attorney Gina Marie Letellier, who has served as local counsel for the CCBA, snagged the top spot in the council race in her first run for elective office with 2,114 votes.

Running her campaign on a shoestring budget with the help of family and friends, Ms. Letellier said, "This has been a humbling experience. I'm happy and honored that people have trusted me with their votes. Now, I need to expand my circle of support and let the people know the kind of person I am, what I stand for, and why I'll be a good councilor."

Ms. Letellier pledged to use her "skills, intelligence, and education" in evaluating both sides of every issue and to continue focusing on the facts rather than the personalities involved in the issues.

"I like to keep things factual. I don't get involved with the namecalling. I just speak the facts," Ms. Letellier said. "People have told me they like the way I present myself at Citizen's Speak Time and the way I have spent my attention with Berkshire Power on the facts."

Coming in second and third were Councilor George Bitzas (2,034) and newcomer Robert Young (2,031).

In his first run for elective office, Young said he

focused his low-key campaign on the issues rather than on playing "the usual political games."

Young said he would work with the other councilors to form a group that can work together. "I'll bring a fresh perspective to the issues and let the issues stand on their own merits," Young said.

Rounding Out The Top 11 Slots...

Rounding out the top 11 slots were Councilor Nancy Thompson (1,945), former Councilor John Negrucci (1,908), newcomer Gary Geiger (1,855), Councilor Chris Quatrone (1,816), Councilor Jill Simpson (1,784), former Councilor Donald Rheault (1,703), Council Vice-President Edward Caba (1,698), and Councilor Dennis Perry (1,665).

Bitzas promised to continue the commitment to the unity that first brought him to public office eight years ago.

"I'm glad the voters did not paint the whole council with the same brush," Bitzas said. "I'll do my best to serve the town with dignity, honor, and professionalism. I'm hoping some new faces will bring back some dignity to our meetings."

Former Councilor John Negrucci echoed the call for unity and civility on the council. It's been eight years since Negrucci served a three-year stint on the council. With more time to devote to the council, Negrucci said the timing was right for a run at returning to public service.

"I left the council on a positive note without burning any bridges behind me," Negrucci said. "I'm looking forward to working with some new faces to unite the council and bring civility back to make the council respectable again."

After a turbulent two years that saw her slip from first to last place in the last election, Ms. Thompson saw her fourth-place showing as a sign that the voters were looking for candidates who conduct themselves in a professional manner.

"This is a real boost for me on a personal level," Ms. Thompson said. "I'm very grateful to the voters."

CCBA members Louis Russo, Peter Longo, Karl Stieg, and Michael DelNegro placed 18th, 19th, 21st, and 22nd.

Eliminated from the race were the bottom three candidates: John Stacy, Hampden County Commissioner Abe Kasparian, and Loren Montagna.

Placing 12th through 17th were Councilors David Skolnick and Gary Suffriti, followed by retired Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Robert Magovern, F. William Euliano, Jr., and Ronald C. Brown. Councilor Joseph Langone placed 20th.

Bill Of Rights For State Taxpayers At Keenan's Office

Copies of the "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" are available at State Representative Daniel F. Keenan's district office in Agawam.

The "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" is a guide to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue including a comprehensive listing of the rights of every Massachusetts taxpayer.

To obtain a copy of the "Taxpayer Bill of Rights," please contact Rep. Keenan's district office located at 342 Springfield Street in Agawam at (413) 786-4545.

Last Date For Applying For Water Connections

The Agawam Department of Public Works has announced that October 24, 1997 is the last date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

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Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Letters To The Editor

AHS Field Hockey Thanks All For Help With Can Drive

To The Editor:

The members of the Agawam Field Hockey Booster Club and the members of the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman field hockey teams would like to thank the following businesses for allowing us to use their establishments as sites for our recent can drive:

Partners Restaurant, Dunkin' Donuts (Feeding Hills), Dunkin' Donuts (Agawam Center), Corner Deli & Variety, American Classics Restaurant, and Scott's Citgo.

We would also like to thank all the patrons who contributed to the can drive to make it such a success.

Sincerely,

Agawam Field Hockey Booster Club Parents
& AHS Girls' Field Hockey

Band Co-Presidents Address The Topic Of "Town Spirit"

To The Editor:

This is in regards to the letter written in last week's edition about the Colorguard wearing purple. First of all, yes, times have changed greatly since the Colorguard used to wear those orange and brown outfits.

Those outfits are now worn, falling apart, and in very odd sizes. The guard has also grown in size greatly since then. Unfortunately, another change that has occurred in the past years is the amount of money the band/Colorguard has received from the town.

We do not have the amount of money needed to repair/buy all of the uniforms needed. The color purple came in for a very good reason. The Colorguard not only marches in parades, they also do work in the field shows and have a winter guard in which they perform around the state.

With the fundraising that we did, we had just enough money to buy each guard member one outfit to last for a couple years. In any GOOD marching band, the guard does not wear the school colors in their field show. They are there to add color and excitement to the show.

The responsibility to show the town colors is that of the honor guard (which we have carrying the flags at the front of the band). No indoor guard goes by school colors in the show, and so that is reason number two for the dresses.

With two reasons against orange and brown, and one for it, we decided to get these other dresses. The guard would be glad to wear orange and brown in the parade if the town would help in paying for the dresses. At a time when the band has to pay for buses just to get to its competitions, we certainly do not like rude comments being made to us without any attempt by the town to support us in getting the uniforms you want.

Second of all, the name has been the Marching Mohawks for over 50 years. We were marching around with that name when the ding-dong cart made its rounds and will continue with our

"heritage" of that name.

Finally, any accusation made towards the band that we have lost town spirit is completely misguided. Go to any football game and watch the band cheer and yell, trying to get the audience excited. Come and see a marching competition where the band is the audience's favorite because of all of our spirit.

This FIVE STAR, GOLD MEDAL BAND is keeping town spirit alive and does not appreciate false accusations being made against it. We just felt it right to set straight some of the false beliefs. Thank you.

Band Co-Presidents
Shawn Sherry
Carolyn Cline

Council Meeting Of Sept. 25th Was Of Utmost Importance

To The Editor:

The City Council meeting of Thursday, September 25th, may very well have been among the most important of such meetings in recent history. No doubt, it was among the most potentially pyrotechnic and ominous in that revelations made may quite frankly doom our Mayor.

Fank Lawlor discussed an appearance of impropriety within that day's *Agawam Advertiser News*. I never fully realized the situation's most astonishing implications. Although Lawlor (being a gentleman) is not about to question our Mayor's sense of ethics, I have no such qualms and now feel my prior remarks about our Mayor's unethical tenure have been vindicated.

I have every reason to believe testimony presented by Ronald Hebert was accurate and sincere. He had absolutely nothing to gain in refusing our Mayor's request to doctor his affidavit. The City Councilor whom this unscrupulous Mayor once slandered as a "buffoon" was absolutely within his rights to not only take issue with our Mayor's quite unconscionable behavior, but also to compel our City Council to solve the problem.

Given the meeting's vital import, I question if this community was served by the three Councilors who stayed away. Chris Quatrone and Joseph Langone, along with Nancy Thompson, missed the most important political development our town has witnessed in nearly nine years. I'm beginning to question if their various outside interests are compromising their service to City Council items, and if they can be counted on to pull their weight in the future.

My belief is that they should have been in attendance, and I will keep this absence in mind when I finally pull levers on Election Day. We need to hear their views regarding this situation. I'm very curious indeed.

I should also note that I was especially disappointed in Gary Suffriti's vote, without explanation, against Thomas Ennis' motions. I maintain that if his conflict was with an apparent violation of "rules" cited by Jill Simpson, then it was his responsibility to suspend the rules — suspension of the rules being provided for by the rules themselves as a legitimate parliamentary device.

As it is, in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (Glenview: Scott, Foresman and Company, 1970), one could argue that a suspension of the rules was indeed made by consensus. All present consented to voice vote, and a polling of votes, on the motion of Councilor Ennis.

Regarding the subject of parliamentary procedures, Councilor Simpson should also be well-advised that one does not rise on point of personal privilege when it is a point of order she hopes to raise. For one who was literally yelling and screaming as any child might regarding the rules, Ms. Simpson might be well-advised to follow the rules herself. Her tactics were clearly

dilatory.

Edward Caba should have ruled her remarks out of order. She was clearly trying to thwart the meeting's intent through dilatory motions, and so Councilor Caba was not even obligated to give her the floor. She, along with Caba, should also know that one cannot interrupt a speaker through points of personal privilege unless the chair deems such unavoidable. In this case, she was improperly using the point of personal privilege and should not have had the floor to speak.

Even if she raised a point of order, the proper motion to raise — her rising to the point — may still have been dilatory. George Bitzas and Councilor Suffriti, together with Ms. Simpson, apparently believed the motion offered by Ennis was itself out of order. Suffriti could easily have suspended the rules if that was his concern, and I fail to see why he didn't.

Ms. Simpson and Councilor Bitzas had an axe to grind in that they hoped to suppress any potentially damaging information about the Mayor. Ms. Simpson even suggested executive session because she wants to keep the city's citizens in the dark about this. I'm perplexed by Suffriti's vote and demand an explanation. My vote for him will depend on that explanation.

Contrary to what Ms. Simpson and Bitzas suggested, the motion was not out of order. Where general consent seems apparent, the chair can assume that it exists. The rules were suspended by fiat, due to the chair's consideration of it. No motion was entertained to counter his decision.

The vote was therefore valid in accordance with the rules. A few City Councilors ought to bone up on their rules of order before they presume to speak on them. Ms. Simpson was out of line, and Bitzas was misinformed.

I'm not entirely sure what they hoped to gain in being dilatory. Ms. Simpson's suggestion of a moral equivalence between the consideration of a motion ahead of schedule and possible criminal action by the Mayor is an excellent reason, alone, to repel her from public office. Furthermore, her behavior that evening seemed to me repulsive, indeed. Bitzas, by contrast, seems a kind and caring individual whose failure to see flaws in our Mayor does our community no service whatsoever.

For this is a Mayor who would appear to have staged that "emergency" requiring his presence in Northampton last year. He seems to have withheld information about the trial date in order

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Monday, October 13th
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At St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam
8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14th
Agawam Garden Club meeting & program
At Capt. Leonard House, Main St., Agawam
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 19th
Ag. Senior Games Athletes' Pancake Breakfast
At Agawam Senior Center
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Thursday, October 23rd
Catholic Women's Macaroni Supper
At St. John's Parish Ctr., 833 Main Street
4:30 to 7:00 p.m.



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to misrepresent himself as a representative of the ZBA. He did this in order to violate the rights of his constituents by denying our town adequate representation. The ZBA never requested his intervention, and now the Mayor would appear to be trying to punish the ZBA.

If this is true, then Mayor Johnson must be held accountable. Certainly the town, the Board, and all abutters would have been better served with no representation at all. By his actions, the Mayor has appeared to threaten a valuable local agency, and if so, he must not be permitted to continue to strong-arm an agency just to protect himself. And, any City Councilor who hopes to whitewash this scandal must be jettisoned.

The possibility that he misrepresented himself as an active attorney pales in comparison to this alleged behavior. By the way, the City Council apparently needs an able parliamentarian. I will happily offer them my services.

Sincerely,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

Citizens Should Scrutinize Candidates For Public Office

To The Editor:

With the Primary Election complete, it is time to focus our attention on the upcoming selection of candidates to administer the affairs of Agawam for the next two years. I suggest the citizens of Agawam scrutinize the candidates for office as closely as you would a prospective employee for your own business, for you are, in effect, hiring an employee through your vote and paying that employee through your tax dollars.

We, as taxpayers, should seek the best and most qualified persons for the position and insist upon excellence in job performance. Which one of us would knowingly hire a person whose qualifications were questionable to fill a position of importance in our own business?

Would any of us continue to pay for questionable job performance for an additional two years? We would not accept lackluster performance or lack of accomplishment from our employees, so why do we demand less from our

elected officials who are, in fact, our employees.

As you begin to more closely evaluate the candidates, I urge each and every voter to look at the educational background of the candidates and their qualifications. Look at his or her record of accomplishment over the last several years and look for a demonstrated level of achievement.

Examine how the candidate has presented himself or herself to the community and how he or she is perceived. As yourself if this person is qualified to do the job and will they perform it in a professional manner, and most of all, as yourself, "Would I hire this person for a position of responsibility within my own company?"

We, as citizens and taxpayers, must insist upon excellence in performance of duty from our elected officials at all levels of government and hire (elect) candidates based upon their productive capability rather than their entertainment value and we should insist that our elected officials possess a level of maturity and professionalism consistent with the position they seek.

R.E. LaRiviere
Feeding Hills

Discrimination Suit Is Not About Employment

To The Editor:

This is about another of Agawam's well-kept secrets. There are those who, for whatever reason, tend to ignore events which will have a possible negative effect on the Mayor or one of his executive staff members. An event or transgression which occurs in Agawam should receive full coverage and publication, thus allowing residents to be kept fully informed.

Currently there are hearings being held in Springfield at the Western Mass. branch of the State House, which involves one of Agawam's executive directors. The hearings revolve around a charge of discrimination as requested and charged by a previously employed town employee.

This former employee worked for the town 22 years, mainly as a driver who drove a bus providing transportation for seniors. For whatever reason, the Mayor and this director became involved in a plan that would eliminate all the bus drivers.

The Mayor publicly stated the Town of Agawam could no longer afford to bid and retain these ser-

vices. With no show of compassion, a decision was made based solely on economics. Let's talk economics! The very month following the abandonment of the service, the office of the Mayor was awarded, and accepted, a \$10,000 pay raise!

The individual involved in the suit has enjoyed a salary which now exceeds \$40,000 a year. For years he enjoyed town provided transportation, which over the years has raised questions as to the use of a van. Was he entitled to this? Was it all for business use?

This individual continues to enjoy free coffee and his lunch on a daily basis. The same meal which seniors confined to their homes pay \$1.75 for. He can frequently be seen playing pool, probably to release all the stress.

The discrimination suit is not about employment. It is based on events which are of a personal nature and shows to what extent some individuals stoop for amusement, all while abusing their authority.

There have been five days of hearings which commenced in May. I have attended four of these sessions. The individual in question has attended two. While the last three were in session, he spent his time vacationing. I can only assume he puts more value on his time off than being present to defend his character.

Like the advertisement on television states, Hey Agawam, It's Your Money!

Vincent Talevi
Agawam

Purple Dresses Do Not Take Away From Brownie Spirit


To The Editor:

We are writing in response to a letter from Laurie Littlefield.

In her letter, she mentioned the Agawam High School Colorguard's purple dresses. The purpose of the Colorguard is to add color, attitude, and expression to the Marching Band. The purple adds a splash of color that brown can't.

As few people know, we also compete in indoor winter shows. It is not customary for Colorguards to wear their school colors at these shows. We cannot afford two uniforms because they cost approximately \$200 apiece.

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The School Committee has not budgeted any money to the Colorguard, so all our uniforms are purchased through fundraisers. However, to show that we fully support our school, we purchased orange armbands and headbands and made orange flags.

The Colorguard has a tremendous amount of pride in Agawam and that has never, nor will it ever change. Orange and brown dresses are not necessary to show our school spirit.

We are at all home football games, and we represent Agawam extremely well throughout the country. We have won first-place titles in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and Florida.

Lastly, Mrs. Littlefield, we have not changed our name from the Brownies to the Mohawks; we have been the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks since 1949.

We have the utmost respect for Agawam High School and do not want to offend anyone, but again we do not believe that our purple dresses take away from our *Mohawk/Brownie* pride and spirit.

Emily Tampone
Amanda Cunningham
Members of AHS Colorguard

Residents Respond To Letter Regarding SHAA Softball**To The Editor:**

We are writing in response to Richard Schoolcraft's slanderous remarks toward the 10-13 SHAA girls' grey team.

What game were you watching???? Words like disgusting, repulsive, and despicable are names one would call the likes of Jack the Ripper, not a group of wonderful girls, who, after reading your article, were very hurt and confused. If that was your intent, then you surely succeeded!

Obviously you have never been to a major league baseball game or to any of the AHS varsity softball games where placing their hats on their heads is a common practice. It is a gesture of team spirit and unity in hopes of starting a rally.

After several unsuccessful attempts to contact you to find out what you meant by verbal taunting, we contacted the coach of the winning team who had no recollection of unsportsmanlike conduct.

Instead of waiting four months to address this so-called problem, and lowering yourself to name-calling, perhaps we could have unburdened your troubled mind of being so "repulsed."

Maureen & Tom Borsari
Diane & Mike Peters
Crystal & Dick Jackson
Kathy & Paul Cassidy

Marching Mohawks Will Never Lose "Essence" Of Agawam**To The Editor:**

It was with great interest that I read Laurie Littlefield's letter in last week's *Agawam Advertiser News*. It is refreshing to know that many people are still interested in preserving our city's traditions. However, there were some points that deserved clarification.

First, the Agawam High School marching band has been known as the "Mohawks" for nearly 50 years. The name "Brownies," as tradition tells us, was a product of the football team playing the muddy field behind the Middle School (their High School). Since the early 1940's, and possibly before, the mud-caked football players have been known as the "Brownies." Fitting for the sports team, but not necessarily for the band. Instead, the name "Mohawks" was chosen: a word from the Algonquians that first resided in Agawam.

Next, orange and brown are still very much the school colors, and very much a part of the "Marching Mohawks." The band can be viewed at many local parades wearing their orange, brown,

and beige military-style uniforms. Our Honor Guard proudly carries the brand-new orange and white banner, and the newly adopted orange and brown city flag soars proudly with "Old Glory." In an effort to keep the tradition going, both the band and the colorguard wear orange accessories on their field show uniforms, a task not easy to fulfill.

As far as the royal blue dresses, perhaps they are not as far-fetched as some people think. According to Edith LaFrancis, the author that took our city's history to press in 1980, the Agawam Indians "were not dressed in drab or somber garments as some have thought. These people liked bright colors, reds, blues..." Something to think about.

Although the band strives to keep many traditions alive, including the school song "Joyous and Ever Loyal" that my grandmother sang when she graduated from AHS, perhaps the current members should be allowed to start traditions of their own. And in the age of political correctness, is it truly appropriate to dress in garb meant for spiritual Indian ceremonies?

So, Mrs. Littlefield, I thank you and others for showing concern, but rest assured that the essence of Agawam will never be lost by the "Marching Mohawks."

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason M. Reed, Instructor
Agawam High School Band

Critical Letter Doesn't Reflect All Tenants Of Colonial Haven**To The Editor:**

This is in response to the letter to the editor in the September 26, 1997 issue, criticizing Mayor Johnson and his lack of concern for the elderly citizens of Agawam.

The views expressed in the letter were those of a disgruntled resident of Colonial Haven, and in no way reflect the opinion of the vast majority of the residents here.

This resident has not had a positive thing to say about the living conditions at our complex. If he is that unhappy, we not only invite but we encourage him to leave. Sure, things could be better, but isn't that the way it is everywhere?

Even private homeowners would like to make changes in their homes, but must wait until they are financially able to. It is the same here. Financial constraints limit what the state is able to do.

We just obtained new roofs. We hope to receive new stoves soon since many of our stoves don't work properly, but they are so old that it is impossible to obtain parts for them. All in all, it is a nice place to live. It is quiet, safe, and affordable.

The Housing Authority listens to our concerns, and responds to them. They welcome constructive criticism, but what is frequently offered by a vocal minority is destructive criticism. This accomplishes nothing.

We are pleased and grateful to be living in such a lovely community. For those that aren't, again, please feel free to move to wherever you feel you will be happy, and leave the rest of us in peace.

Lorraine Cyr
Colonial Haven tenant

Keenan Announces Passage Of Military Pension Exemption

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan recently announced the passage in the House of Representatives of a bill which would exempt retired members of the military from paying state taxes on their pensions.

Representative Keenan was a sponsor of this legislation that was developed in a special committee he served on commissioned to conduct hearings around the state regarding the taxation of military pensions. This legislation passed the House and awaits the Governor's signature.

Massachusetts is currently the only state which taxes veterans' pensions. "This legislation is long overdue. It will not only improve the quality of our veterans' lives financially, but will also recognize the sacrifices they made for our country," Keenan said.

Military pensions are now taxed at a rate of 5.95 percent and are considered earned income. This bill would exempt military pensions from this tax and would be retroactive to the beginning of the 1997 tax year.

Town Of Agawam Retirees To Meet Friday, Oct. 17th

The Town of Agawam retirees will meet October 17, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a slate of officers and for a negotiations committee.

ALL RETIREES ARE URGED TO ATTEND. For more information, call John Chriscola at 786-5949 or Ken Grady at 786-4533.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM****INVITATION FOR SNOW REMOVAL QUOTES
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Open competitive quotes sought for snow plowing and snow removal at seven locations until Monday, October 20, 1997 at 3:30 P.M. at the office of the Agawam Housing Authority at 66 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001. Specifications are available at the office upon request. Acceptable contractor(s) will supply necessary insurance documentation as required.

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Veterans Celebrate Groundbreaking Of State Vets' Cemetery

Agawam Is Host To The First State Veterans' Cemetery

On Wednesday, October 8th, veterans from across the state celebrated and participated in the historic groundbreaking ceremonies for the first Massachusetts Memorial Veterans' Cemetery in Agawam. Currently, the only veterans' cemetery in Massachusetts is a national cemetery in Bourne.

Based on estimates provided by the United States Veterans' Administration, 48,625 resident veterans will die in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire Counties between a 25-year period, 2000-2025.

According to State Representative Daniel F. Keenan (Third Hampden District), "Locating a veterans' cemetery in Western Massachusetts would address this need and the burdens that face these veterans and their families when planning an interment in the national veterans' cemetery in Bourne."

He continued, "Burdens that Western Massachusetts veterans and their families face include the inconvenience of traveling to the national veterans' cemetery in Bourne for interments and subsequent family visits, as well as additional costs for transportation and the funeral committal cortege."

In recognition of the need for more accessible veterans' cemeteries, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), through the "National Cemeteries Act," instituted the State Cemetery Grants Program. This program provides an attractive and flexible 50 percent matching funds program to states for the establishment of local state veterans' cemeteries.

To take advantage of this program, Massachusetts appropriated over \$20,000 in the summer of 1996 to fund a siting and management study for a state veterans' cemetery in Western Massachusetts.

The study concluded that property in Agawam, donated by resident Mr. Edward Squazza, would be the most desirable location to site a state veterans' cemetery in Western Massachusetts, with a total cost of approximately \$5 million.

School Committee To Next Meet On Tuesday, October 14th

The Agawam School Committee will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 1997 in the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, at 7:30 p.m. The Old Business item is SCR-98-5 - Assignment of Bus Contract.

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A MID-AFTERNOON BLAST caused by gas fumes at Porth's Precision Automotive Service on Washington Avenue Extension (next to the Agawam Federal Credit Union) completely leveled the building and left the two owners (photo below) needing emergency medical treatment. The car in the photo above belongs to Credit Union Executive Director Richard Pisano.

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— Obituaries —

Margaret L. Borgatti

Margaret L. (Melloni) Borgatti, 91, of 108 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she had lived in Feeding Hills for most of her life.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Daughters of Columbus in West Springfield.

Her husband, Lemmie Borgatti, died in 1985.

She leaves three sons, Edward and Paul, both of Feeding Hills, and Ronald of Cincinnati, Ohio; two daughters, Claire Flaro of East Longmeadow and Janet White of Springfield; a brother, Tony Melloni of Feeding Hills; three sisters, Yolanda Guidi and Lena Tatro, both of Sharon, Vermont, and Caroline Melloni of Agawam; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a grandson, Kenneth Flaro, and a great-grandson, Kristofer Reed.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, followed by Mass in Sacred Heart Church. Burial was held in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Charles M. Goldband

Charles M. Goldband, 89, of 114 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

He had been the vice president of Totsy Manufacturing Company in Holyoke for many years until retiring in 1970.

He was a past vice president of Congregation B'nai Jacob from 1970 to 1972 and also a member of the brotherhood. He was also a member of the Springfield Jewish Community Center and its Silver Foxes and Belles.

His wife, Doris (Crock) Goldband, died in 1970.

He leaves his wife, Ruth (Belzer) Stein; a daughter, Gloria Winters of Los Angeles, California; a brother, Shefford of Longmeadow; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Congregation B'nai Jacob in Longmeadow, with burial in the B'nai Jacob Cemetery in West Springfield. A Memorial observance was at the home of Shefford Goldband, 247 Crestview Circle, Longmeadow, with evening services through Thursday, October 9th.

Memorial contributions may be made to Congregation B'nai Jacob, 2 Eunice Drive, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

Anna Marsili

Anna (Artigiani) Marsili, 93, of 88 Princeton Avenue, Feeding Hills, died in a local nursing home.

She was employed by Asinos Clothing Company for 30 years, retiring in 1969.

Born in Sasso Ferratto, Perugia, Italy, she came to Scranton, Pennsylvania, in 1924, moved to Springfield in 1943, and Feeding Hills in 1994.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Her husband, Domenico Marsili, died in 1943.

She leaves five grandsons, Richard Marsili of Mansfield, Kim Marsili of Feeding Hills, Daniel Marsili of New York City, New York, Kenneth Ciocci of Westfield, and Gary Ciocci of Antrim, New Hampshire; and five great-grandchildren.

Her son, Bruno Marsili, died in 1993, and her daughter, Rena Ciocci, died in 1992.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home, followed by a Mass in the Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102.

Forrest E. McCullough

Forrest E. "Bud" McCullough, 78, of 886 Main Street, Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was a 25-year warehouse manager for Spear and Newman Co., West Hartford, CT. He was also a manager at H.P. Hood Co. in Agawam.

Born in Brookline, he was a longtime resident of this community and an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a former member of the American Legion Post 185.

He leaves his wife, May (Taylor) McCullough; a daughter, Cherrie McCullough of Agawam; a sister, Ruby Bewsee of Agawam; a granddaughter; and several nephews and nieces.

His son, Skip McCullough, died in 1969.

A memorial service was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Rose A. Amar

Rose A. (Barbato) Amar, 83, a resident of the Heritage Hall Nursing Home, died at the nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she lived there and later in West Springfield for 22 years before moving to Agawam five years ago.

Her husband, Camille Amar, died in 1959.

She leaves a daughter, Rose E. Dahdah of Southwick, and a brother, Joseph P. Barbato, Sr. of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was held at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, followed by a funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam, and burial in New Cemetery, Southwick.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Luba Riopel

Luba (Clement) Riopel, 81, of 60 A Pheasant Hill in Feeding Hills, died at a local nursing home.

She was an administrative assistant for an East Longmeadow heating and air conditioning company for 10 years. Previously, she owned and operated a secretarial service in the Springfield area for many years.

Born in Lawrence, she lived in Agawam for 30 years. She previously lived in Springfield.

She served in the Army in World War II in both the Philippines and Japan. She was awarded the Women's Army Auxiliary service medal, the World War II victory medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon.

Her husband, Henry Riopel, died in 1972.

She leaves a niece, Constance Gamelli, and great-nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, followed by burial in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton.

Emily E. Richards

Emily E. Richards, 87, of 2200 Suffield Street, Agawam, a retired 15-year inspector for the former Almanac Knitting Mills of Indian Orchard, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

She retired in 1970.

Born in Portugal, she lived in Indian Orchard for 36 years, Longmeadow for 13 years, and in Agawam for the past eight years.

She was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church.

Her husband, Leo A. Richards, died in 1959.

She leaves two daughters, June M. Quinn of Agawam and Virginia M. Gelinis of Boca Raton, Florida; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held from the Ratell Funeral Home, followed by a Mass in the church. Burial was in St. Aloysius Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104-2396.

Roland L. Mack

Roland L. Mack, 89, of 17 Norwood Street, Greenfield, died in an Agawam nursing home.

He was a purchasing agent at Millers Falls Tools Co. for 37 years and retired in 1968.

Born in South Vernon, Vermont, he graduated from Brattleboro High School and moved to Greenfield in 1940.

He served in the Army in Hawaii for three years.

He worshipped at the First United Methodist Church of Greenfield. He was a member of the Republican Lodge of Masons and past president of the Millers Falls Credit Union.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Rachael C. (Jellyman) Mack; a son, David L. of Easthampton; a daughter, Susan J. McDonald of Greenfield; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Green River Cemetery, and Walker Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089, or to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

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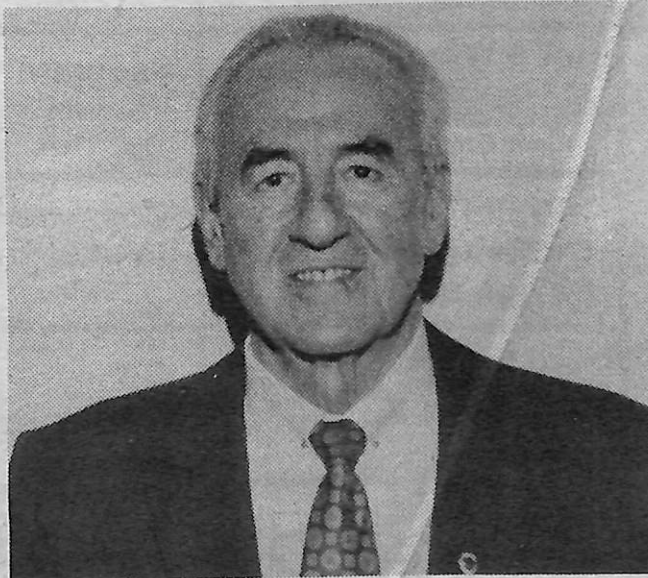
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OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

Anna D. Bissonnette

Anna D. (Brignoli) Bissonnette, 76, of 21 Mulberry Street, Agawam, died at home. Born in Agawam, she lived her entire life here. She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church and was active in the VFW, American Legion, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Agawam Beautification Committee.

Her husband, Wilfred "Bib" Bissonnette, died in 1993.

She leaves a daughter, Coral Garrison of Farmingdale, Maine; a brother, Henry Brignoli of Agawam; and a grandson, Seth Wilfred Rafe Garrison of Falmouth, Maine.

Another grandson, Rhett Wilfred Rafe Garrison, died in August.

A graveside service was held from St. Thomas Cemetery, and Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen, 18 Summer Street, Hallowell, Maine 04347.

Helen T. Cumm

Helen T. (Walsh) Cumm, 75, of 92 Suffield Street, Agawam, died at a local nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she moved to Agawam 26 years ago.

Her husband, Howard J. Cumm, died in 1994.

She leaves a sister, Doris Szpotowski of Hyanis, and nieces and nephews, including Katherine McNulty of Feeding Hills.

A graveside service was held at Agawam Center Cemetery, and Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, Inc., 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

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from the State Senate

by State Senator Linda J. Melconian

**The New Veterans' Cemetery...**

The following is the text of remarks by Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Western Massachusetts State Veterans' Cemetery in Agawam on Wednesday, October 8th.

A Peaceful Place

Alfred Lord Tennyson once wrote, "Ah Christ, that it were possible for one short hour to see/the souls we loved, that they might tell us/what and where they be."

Let us recall for a moment those veterans who are no longer with us, ones we knew and loved. I can remember my great-uncle who fought in WWI, the War to End All Wars, or so everyone thought at the time. I did not know him, but as a girl, I knew from my grandfather that he had fought to keep us free, to protect the world from evil. Now, I think of him with great admiration, that he was willing to go to war at a young age, however fearful or scared. He, like all others who have served, was a patriot.

Indeed, I have championed a Western Massachusetts Veterans' Cemetery. By now, most of you have heard the story — a constituent called and I learned from him that the only veterans'

cemetery existed almost three hours from here, on Cape Cod in Bourne. What a horrible inequity!

I have championed a Western Massachusetts Veterans' Cemetery because I wanted to honor and respect the service of veterans and current members of the Armed Forces. I have never served, but I am sincerely grateful to those, like my great uncle, who have risked everything to protect our safety and our well-being. A Western Massachusetts Veterans' Cemetery is a way for us all to give back, to provide a memorial that will be a beacon of light for families of the deceased. This is a memorial for the entire region to embrace. I am proud to have been a part of it.

Today, I see men and women of the Armed Forces, of the Navy, the Marines, the Army, the Air Force, the Coast Guard. I also see hundreds of veterans who have given supreme, selfless sacrifice to Massachusetts and to the United States. These patriots are heroes, fantastic examples of courage, loyalty, service. I come here to honor them, and dedicate a memorial for what they have given us.

I am thinking of all that has been accomplished, all that we have done together to make this day a reality. From one constituent inquiry in the spring of 1996, to a fall morning radiant in all its splendor, this has been an extraordinary endeavor. A cemetery to honor the brave, and pay respect to the men and women of Western Massachusetts who have risked their lives in defense of our great nation.

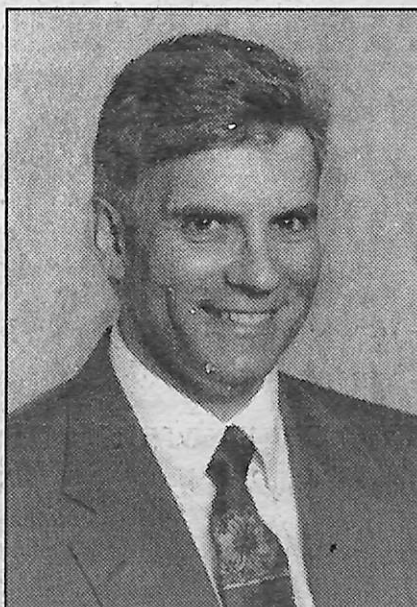
"The souls we loved, that they might tell us/what and where they be." Look out over this beautiful property. Edward Squazza donated a valuable treasure for the families of our dearly departed loved ones. The tiny brook, the colorful autumn trees, the lush green grass are all tributes to the great men and women who will be buried here.

Let us build this cemetery to be one of peace and reflection, so that all veterans who lie here in the words of Tennyson, "in the quiet limit of the world," will be honored and exalted in a place of beauty, a place of rest.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, due to this busy political season, we appreciate any ads and articles that can be brought in on Mondays.

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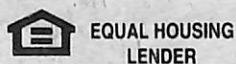
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Teresa Kozloski Seeks Reelection To School Committee

Teresa Kozloski, School Committee member, has announced her candidacy for reelection and will focus on the following areas if reelected:

"Spend Money Wisely: Agawam students, the school administration, and the School Committee received adequate financial support from Agawam's taxpayers for this year's school budget. This money must not be wasted, and I intend to audit the budget throughout the year as I have done in the past.

"Focus on the Curriculum: At long last, some progress is being made to coordinate the curriculum in each subject area from K-12. This work will continue, and I will work to ensure that each curriculum is implemented and continually evaluated.

"Listen, Analyze, and Work to Correct Problems: As chairperson of the school district's Goals and Objectives Committee, I was instrumental in having detailed reports come before the School Committee — something only partially done before. By studying these reports, School Committee members are better able to discern what progress, if any, is being made to improve our educational system. In this way, we can evaluate the work of the superintendent in overseeing what is happening day-to-day in our schools. I will continue to do my homework to study, listen, and question these reports.

"Meet the Needs of All Students: We have almost 4,000 students in our school district, each with his/her individual traits. It is a real challenge for the School Committee to ensure that programs and courses are devised to meet all needs. This challenge requires adequate support services, necessary supplies, a limit to class size, a safe environment, adequate courses, extra-curricular activities, and above all, a climate and culture within each school that heightens the spirit and motivation of teachers and students.



TERESA KOZLOSKI

We have to reach out to parents to stay involved until their student graduates.

"My Challenge: I see my job as School Committee member to persist in meeting these challenges. Please put your trust in me by voting for me. I will continue to clarify my position in all school matters and will always be an independent voice on the Committee."

Mrs. Kozloski lives at 102 Meadow Street, Agawam with her husband, Henry. Her three children, Maria, Lena, and Henry L., are graduates of the Agawam school system.

She is an associate professor at Bay Path College and has degrees from American International College, New York University, and the University of Massachusetts.

Gubernatorial Candidate To Speak At Oct. 26th Breakfast

The Agawam Democratic Committee is pleased to announce that Attorney Patricia McGovern, candidate for Governor of the Commonwealth and former Chair of the Legislature's Ways and Means Committee, will be the keynote speaker at its Meet the Candidates Breakfast on October 26, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at Chez Josef in Agawam.

The Breakfast will allow area Democrats the opportunity to meet with McGovern, as well as Senator Linda Melconian, and other statewide Democratic officeholders and candidates.

The Breakfast will also give Agawam residents the opportunity to meet with the registered Democrats and unenrolled candidates for City Council, School Committee, and Mayor.

The Spring Breakfast, honoring Joanne Willis as Democrat of the Year, was a tremendous success and a good time was had by all. Once again, Chez Josef will be presenting its lavish breakfast buffet, with unlimited trips to the buffet. Tickets are still available at the cost of \$20. Tickets may also be purchased at reduced rates in conjunction with advertisements in the program.

For more information, to purchase tickets, or to place an advertisement, please contact one of the following members of the Agawam Democratic Committee: Attorney Gina Marie Letellier, Rudy Altobelli, Louis Russo, or Scott Letendre, or write to us at P.O. Box 395, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Ed Borgatti, Sr. Nixes Endorsement Ad

Former Town Councilor Edward G. Borgatti, Sr., today issued a statement to *The Advertiser News* stating that he did not authorize his name to be used in a political advertisement published by *The AAN* for the Agawam Democratic Town Committee on October 2nd.

The advertisement endorsed several Democrats who were running in the municipal primary on October 7th. Borgatti said, "I never authorized the town committee to use by name for the advertisement. I was not present when the committee discussed the matter at its meeting and I do not agree with some of the endorsements," Borgatti said.

He added, "The town elections for council and mayor are non-partisan and I do not feel this type of political ad was appropriate."

Mayoral Debate Slated For October 21st

The Agawam Democratic Committee will be holding a Mayoral Debate on Tuesday, October 21, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School on Main Street. The debate will be televised live by Media One and rerun at additional times to be announced.

The debate will feature questions prepared by the Agawam Democratic Committee, questions submitted by the Agawam High Model Congress, and questions from the audience.

Best local news...

The Checkered Cow



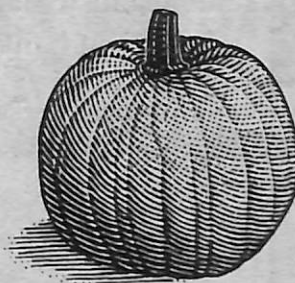
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Families

Golden Agers II Gather For 15th Anniversary Banquet

The Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, held its 15th Anniversary Banquet at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Wednesday, October 1st.

Club President Perry McCobb and his wife, Rose, greeted the arriving seniors and directed them to the snack table for cheese, crackers, and wine that were available for them during the social hour starting at 11:00 a.m.

Promptly at 12:00 noon, McCobb led everyone present in a pledge of allegiance to the flag, and he called Chaplain Leaneore Dion to the podium to give a brief prayer.

The skilled chefs at Shaker Farms Country Club prepared a choice of three delicious entrees: tender roast beef, stuffed chicken breast, and tasty baked scrod. The meal began with a fresh fruit cup, followed by a crisp lettuce salad. After the main course, dessert of peach melba completed the banquet menu.

McCobb expressed special thanks to the Banquet Committee, consisting of Arthur and Eileen Collier (ticket sales), Edward Grimes (table seating), Mary Spinelli (card punches), and Virginia Lake (entertainment).

McCobb himself assisted the Committee with site and menu selection.

First honored at the Banquet were five happy couples who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries during the 1997 year.

McCobb started the ceremony by calling forward Kenneth and Marjorie Conway, followed by Albert and Barbara D'Agostino, Charles and Thelma Ryan, Edmund and Esther Strasko, and Francis and Marie Viens.

Club Secretary Rita Matys read the life history of each honored couple, which gave places of birth, education, and employment. Also read were names of family members and favorite hobbies.

Next honored were Stanley and Carmella Backiel, who have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. All six of these men are veterans who have served in various branches of the military.



ATTENDING THE AGAWAM GOLDEN AGE CLUB'S 15TH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY BANQUET included honored couples, from left - Fran & Marie Viens, Charles & Thelma Ryan, and Kenneth & Marjorie Conway. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The last couple to be honored were Willis and Ruth Parady, who have celebrated a wonderful 73rd wedding anniversary. Willis and Ruth met at a dance in Randolph, Vermont, and after a short engagement they married in 1924.

The Paradys were given a standing ovation by the 151 seniors present, followed by dancing to *The Anniversary Waltz*.

Chaplain Dion presented each couple with a

miniature decorated wedding cake that she had prepared in her home for this occasion.

Program Chairperson Virginia Lake introduced Richie Mitnick, who entertained the Golden Agers with many favorite musical selections which were sung by Jessie Rivers, our very talented club member.

The Anniversary Banquet was a great success, with many delighted seniors singing tunes after the music program was concluded.

Library Seeks Volunteers For Shut-In Program

With the help of volunteers, Agawam Public Library is planning to offer a book delivery service to shut-ins.

Anyone who can volunteer just one half-hour of time once a month is encouraged to call Nancy

Fay at the library (789-1550). Each volunteer will be asked to pick up and deliver books for one shut-in.

Library staff will assist volunteers with book selection and will be happy to answer any questions volunteers might have. In addition to its general collection, the library has an extensive

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AT THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET sponsored by the Agawam Golden Age Club (Chapter II) on October 1st, Willis & Ruth Parady were honored for their 73rd wedding anniversary. The couple is being congratulated by club President Perry McCobb and Recording Secretary Rita Matys. IN PHOTO RIGHT, also attending were Edmund & Esther Straszko and Al & Barbara D'Agostino (all celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Frightful Evening Being Planned By Storowton Village

Get ready for a frightfully fun evening! Storowton Village Museum welcomes all those who dare to "Haunted Old New England," beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17th in the Village's Meeting House located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

It will be a bewitchingly good time for the entire family when professional storyteller Guy Peartree of Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts spins a web of spooky stories straight from 18th and 19th century New England, offered by candlelight in the Meeting House.

The Storowton Village Museum Gift Shop, located next door to the Meeting House, will be open. Visitors can feel free to stop in and browse a fine selection of Halloween treats, including candy, decorations, and more.

Come meet the Halloween "spirits" of years past in Storowton's unique setting. Admission to "Haunted Old New England" is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages six to 16.

Children under six will be admitted free of charge. Space is limited, so be sure to make reservations by contacting Storowton Village Museum at (413) 787-0136.

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Agawam Garden Club To Host Program On Dried Flowers

Dried flower arrangements will be demonstrated after the 7:30 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, October 14th, of the Agawam Garden Club at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

Three club members (Betty James, Dot Brown, and Marcia Fleming) will demonstrate the making of floral arrangements, after which they will help other members to make small arrangements that they will take home.

Dried materials are being secured from a variety of sources, but members in possession of such items may bring them to the workshop.

Guests are welcome to attend for a \$1 fee, and refreshments will be served under the direction of hospitality chairpersons Linda Lewis and Nancy Smith.

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Open Ski Sale On November 2nd At Blandford Ski Club

The Springfield Ski Club is sponsoring an Open House and Ski Sale on Sunday, November 2nd from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at The Blandford Ski Area in Blandford (just one-half hour west of Springfield, off Route 20).

The ski sale features up to 75 percent off on outerwear, skis, boots, boards, and accessories. There will be used equipment for every budget and a ski swap area for just plain folk to sell their stuff.

The Springfield Ski Club is offering a special membership rate at the Open House of just \$169 per person saving \$20 off the regular rate.

Membership includes a season pass at The Blandford Ski Area, discounts on ski lessons and club events, eligibility for entry into club races, and more!

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 13th: Columbus Day observed (Senior Center is closed).

Tuesday, October 14th: BBQ pork ribs, mashed potatoes, carrots, banana.

Wednesday, October 15th: French meat pie, potato puff, peas, rudi roll, ice cream.

Thursday, October 16th: Shepherd's pie, carrot coins, multi-grain bread, brownies.

Friday, October 17th: Clam chowder, tuna salad on a roll, macaroni salad, apricots.



Agawam "Senior Games" Activities

Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA) will be having their annual pancake breakfast at the Agawam Senior Center on Sunday, October 19th.

The servings will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The donation is \$3 for adults, and \$1.50 for children under 12 years of age.

BEST LOCAL NEWS

Melconian Meets With Local AARP



STATE SENATOR LINDA J. MELCONIAN recently was the guest of the Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter of the AARP at the Agawam Senior Center. From left - Oliver Muldrew, treasurer; Jessie D. Fuller, vice-president; Senator Melconian; Pauline Paquette, president; and Patricia Matte, secretary.

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Agawam Garden Club Designs Rustic Porch For BIG E Exhibit

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

At the request of Helen Bardwell, Executive Director of the New England Center of the Eastern States Exposition, a committee of Agawam Garden Club members designed a rustic style porch for exhibit at The Big E.

They were to use recycled containers and plantings provided by members or donated by local nurseries and businesses.

The club accepted the challenge in late spring and worked on it all summer. Members said they were thrilled with the public response during the fair.

Garden Club President Barbara Pemberton said that when members heard a woman tell her companion that "this is exactly how I want our porch to look," they smiled at one another with pleasure.

It was decided that the display would be a rustic style porch, and a committee consisting of Mrs. Pemberton, Joan Presz, Barbara Ouimet, Vivian Provost, and Alice Moore drew up the plans. The Big E staff constructed the porch to the specifications, and Joe Dubiel and Ed Pemberton took a Sunday to stain it.

Sides of the porch were latticework with climbing vines that included grapes complete with fruit. A white stone pathway led from a rail fence to the porch steps, and a mailbox was on one of the fence posts.

On the porch was a wooden rocker; a small

bookcase for artifacts topped with dahlias in a recycled jar; a "twig" table; a bushel basket of apples; and a vegetable crate with an attached open lid which resembled a treasure chest and contained cabbage, fennel, and an ornamental rabbit.

"A Rustic Country Setting"...

There was another bunny on the lawn near a carved wooden sign that announced "A Rustic Country Setting." And there were cornstalks.

Among the recycled containers were pails, various types of baskets, a treestump, and a birch log standing on end that had been drilled out and had an assortment of plants in openings along the sides. And there was a bird house.

Fliers listing the plantings and where they were located in the exhibit were placed in the open mailbox for the public to claim.

Members manning the exhibit to keep it trim and answer questions included Theresa Greenwood, Joe Dubiel, Terry Angotti, Susan Strycharz, Elaine Smith, Melanie Blackak, Kathy Norris, and Rose Ayotte.

Evergreen trees rooted in burlap lined one side of the exhibit and were loaned by a local nursery. A list of nurseries and businesses that donated to the exhibit was posted.

Tacked to the porch was a purple ribbon with the following wording in gold - "Champion Big E."

The Appellate Division disagreed, concluding that a child can recover under such a theory.

"A cause of action by an injured child for negligent parental supervision is ... logically consistent and conceptually compatible with existing Massachusetts law which recognizes a child's right to legal redress in tort and which has abolished absolute parental immunity in negligence actions," said the Court.

In a dissenting opinion, one judge said that the trial-court judgment should simply be reversed because allowing children to bring negligent-supervision actions against their parents will "foster bitter family discord."

The case affords to children a basic right enjoyed by every adult — the right to sue and be compensated for their injuries.

The case means to say that if a parent has done something to damage a child, that child ought to be able to reach into his own parent's pocket. An example would be in a case in which a parent has left a child in the care of a relative whom that parent knows to be a sexual abuser.

Legal Memo

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Child Sues Father For Negligent Supervision

A child who was hit by a car after being left unattended by his father could sue the father for negligent supervision, the Appellate Division of the District Court has ruled.

The father argued that state law precluded recovery on a claim by a child against his parents for negligent supervision.

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The Wojcik Family Announces Birth Of Son, Tyler Michael

Debbie (Stasiowski) and Chester S. Wojcik, Jr. of Holly Springs, North Carolina, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Tyler Michael Wojcik.

Tyler entered the world on September 16th, weighing eight pounds, two ounces, and measuring 21 inches.

He was welcomed by paternal grandparents Chester and Gloria Wojcik of Agawam, and maternal grandparents Ronald and Pat Stasiowski of Chicopee.

The paternal great-grandparents are Stanley and Eleanor Wojcik of Chicopee. The maternal great-grandmother is Eleanor Stasiowski of Chicopee.

Cribbage Tournament Slated For This Friday At The Senior Center

A Cribbage Tournament will begin this Friday afternoon, October 10th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center. The tournament will run until the end of December.

All players are welcome; however, perfect attendance is not required (this tournament is for fun).

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Town Residents “Hosts Of Day” At BIG E

Four Agawam residents were among employees named “The Big E Host of the Day” during this year’s edition of “The World’s Only Big E.”

Ed Connor, Louise Abdow, Leo Malanson, and Barbara Barton were presented with their awards on September 13th, September 20th, September 22nd, and September 24th, respectively, by Eastern State Exposition President Wayne McCary.

Connor, who has worked at The Big E for the last eight years, is in charge of the fair’s Souvenir operation.

Abdow, who has worked at The Big E for seven years is a staff member at the fair’s Central Information booth and Bus Terminal. As a Big E Information and Bus Terminal staff member, Abdow greets fairgoers, distributes information, and assists them in finding their way around the 175-acre fairgrounds.

Malanson, who has served as a parking attendant in The Big E’s Admissions department for six years, directs the flow of automobile and school bus traffic at busy Gate 1. He also works with school bands as they form ranks before marching in the fair’s daily Big E Parade. He also works at many events on Eastern States Exposition’s year-round schedule.

Barton, who has worked in the Admissions Department at The Big E for 11 years, is a retired accountant who winters in St. Petersburg, Florida. She sells tickets at busy Gate 9A, on the east side of the fairgrounds. Her husband, Edmund, who was a Big E Host of the Day in 1991, is a staff member in The Big E’s Maintenance department.

The Host of the Day award recognizes employees, volunteers, and other members of The Big E family who exemplify the fair’s philosophy of positive customer relations. It has been part of the Exposition’s customer service program since 1989, established for individuals who go “above and beyond the call” in their interactions with fairgoers.

This year’s recipients, selected from more than 1,500 personnel working this year at The Big E, each received a Host of the Day plaque and 1997 Big E commemorative gifts at the surprise presentation.

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IN PHOTO ABOVE, Leo Malanson was named BIG E “Host of the Day” for September 22nd by BIG E President Wayne McCary. Leo has served six years in the Admissions Department, working at busy Gate 1 during the fair and at many events on the grounds throughout the year. IN PHOTO BELOW, Barbara Barton of Agawam and St. Petersburg, Florida, was named “Host of the Day” by President Wayne McCary. Barbara has served 11 years in the Admissions Department, selling tickets at busy Gate 9A.



LOUISE ABDOW OF AGAWAM was named BIG E “Host of the Day” by BIG E President Wayne McCary for September 20th. Louise has served at THE BIG E for seven years as a staff member at the fair’s Central Information Booth and Bus Terminal.

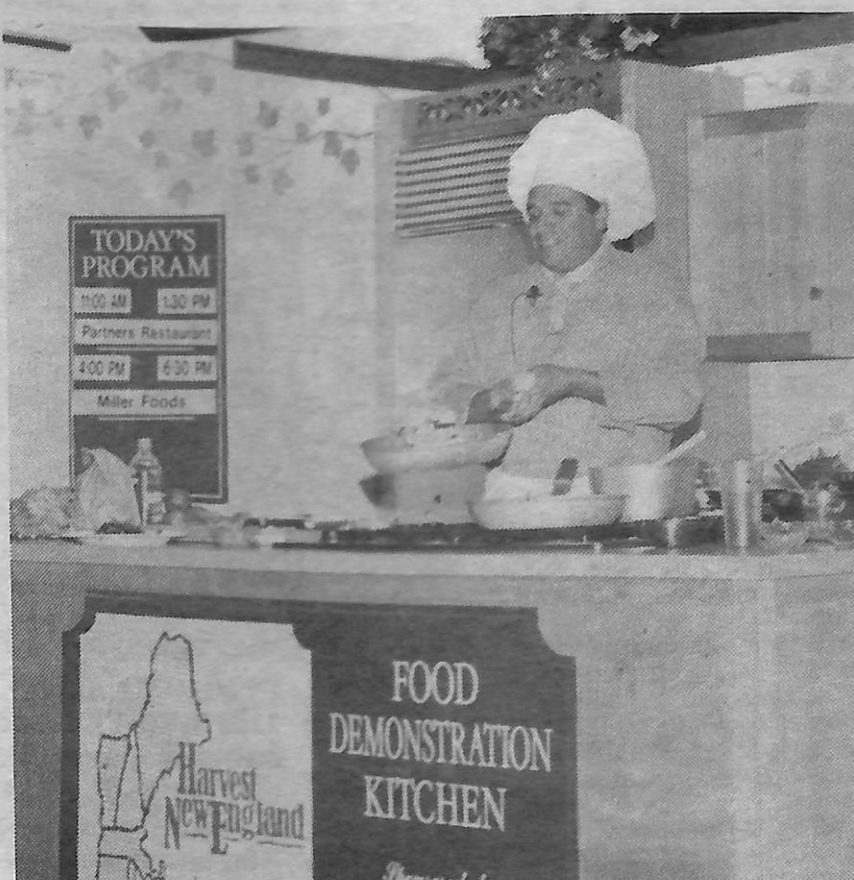


ON SEPTEMBER 13TH, Ed Connor of Feeding Hills was named BIG E “Host of the Day” by BIG E President Wayne McCary and Marketing Director Noreen Tassinari. Ed has been in charge of the fair’s souvenir operation for the past eight years.

Agawam At "The Big E"...



Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary presented Alice Moore of Agawam with a "Friend of The Big E" award during the Agawam Day luncheon. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



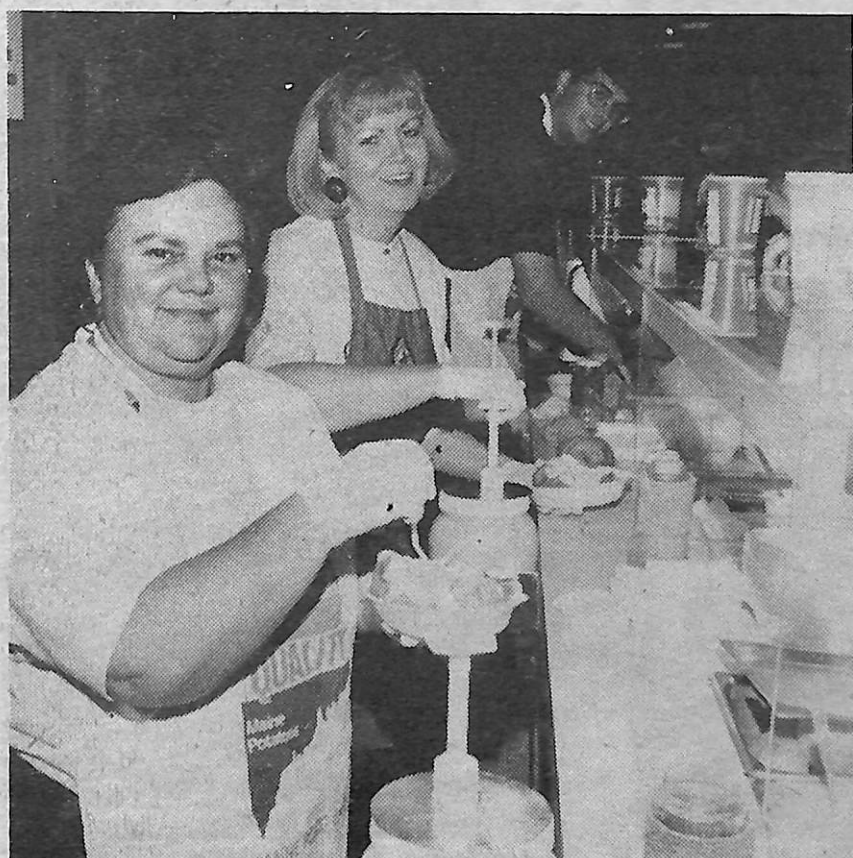
Mark Tansey of Partners Restaurant demonstrated his culinary flair at The Big E's Food Demonstration Kitchen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Allen Lawnmower was represented at The Big E by Dick Roy, John Alves, and Al Baj. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Richie Mitnick (far right) of Sounds of Music with John Davidson, Libby Campa, and Millie Kopel. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

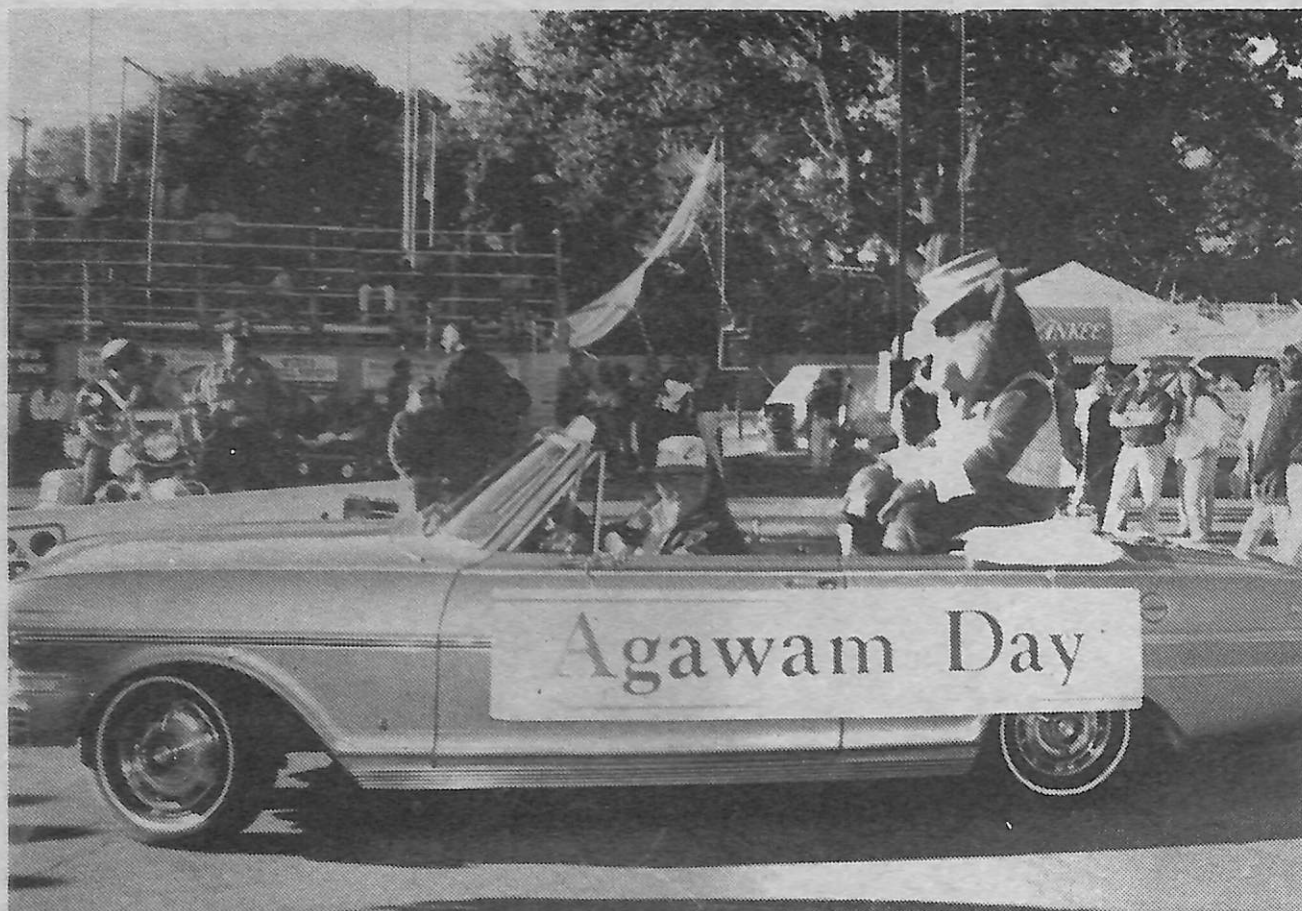


"Sprucing up" Maine baked potatoes for the public were Carol Lehberger and Cheryl Cope. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

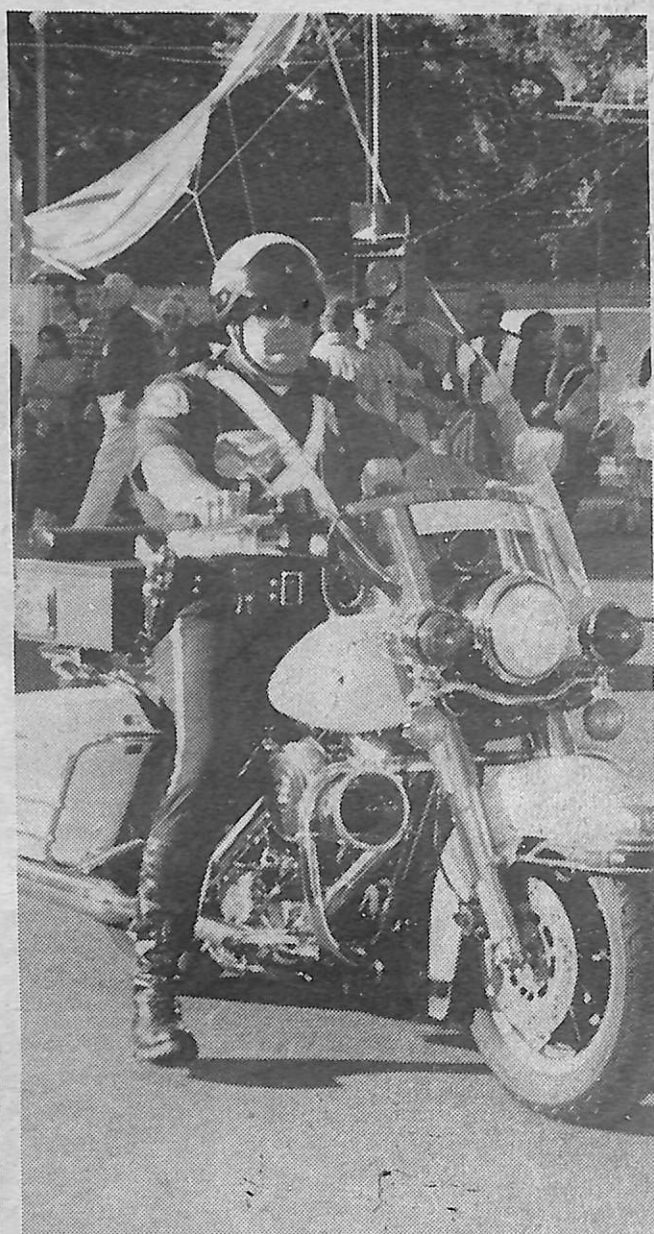


Michael Corey, Marty Lehberger, Paul Markowski, and Bob Altobelli with another tray of baked potatoes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam At "The Big E"...



"BiggiE," the Eastern States Exposition's official mascot, is about to get a ride in The Big E parade on Agawam Day — Wednesday, September 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



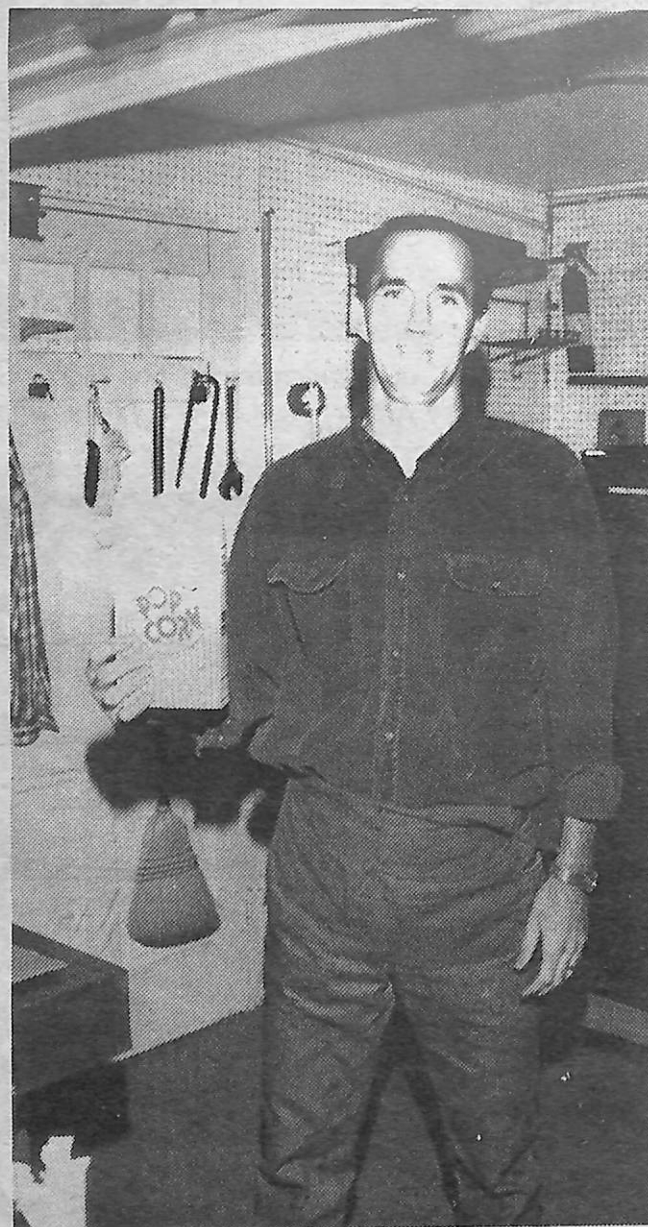
Agawam police officer Jim Donovan is about to drive his motorcycle in The Big E parade on Agawam Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Representing the Town of Agawam in The Big E parade on Agawam Day: Fire Chief David Pisano, Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso, Mayor Christopher Johnson, Police Chief Robert Campbell, and Council President Kent Servis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Members of the ASGA (Agawam "Senior Games" Athletes) carried their organization's banner in The Big E parade on Agawam Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"Popcorn, anybody???" Bob McNeish is at work at the Dialessi food stand at this year's Eastern States Exposition — The Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam At "The Big E"...



Working for Feeding Hills' Valley Community Church at The Big E: Lyle Pearsons, Dot Wells, Ben Fish, and Dick Taylor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Serving food for the Agawam Lioness Club: Irene Sorel, Ann Faureau, Dian Curran, and Elaine Taupier. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"In the grind" at Grinderama at The Big E: Stephen Zambelli, Mary Boire, Bennie Steadman, LouAnn Foley, Shirley Stowers, and Josh Maynard. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



E. Cecchi Farms had a bounty of tasty (and healthy) autumn produce at The Big E this year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Looking for a Big E souvenir? Let Rose Mezzetti, Vicki Natale, and Billy Craven help you! Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

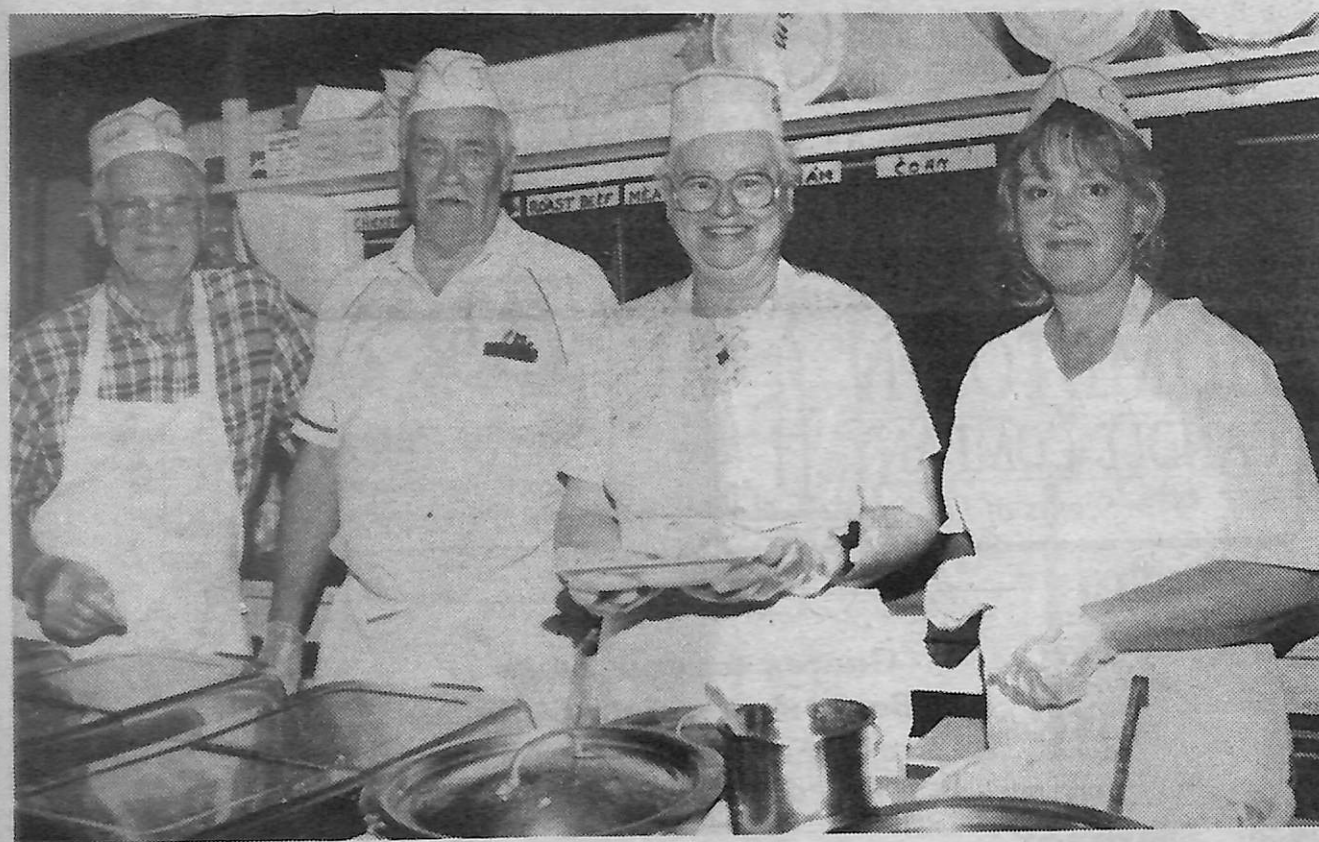


The ladies with all The Big E "info": Pat Lalancette, Dorothy Fortune, and Margaret Flynn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

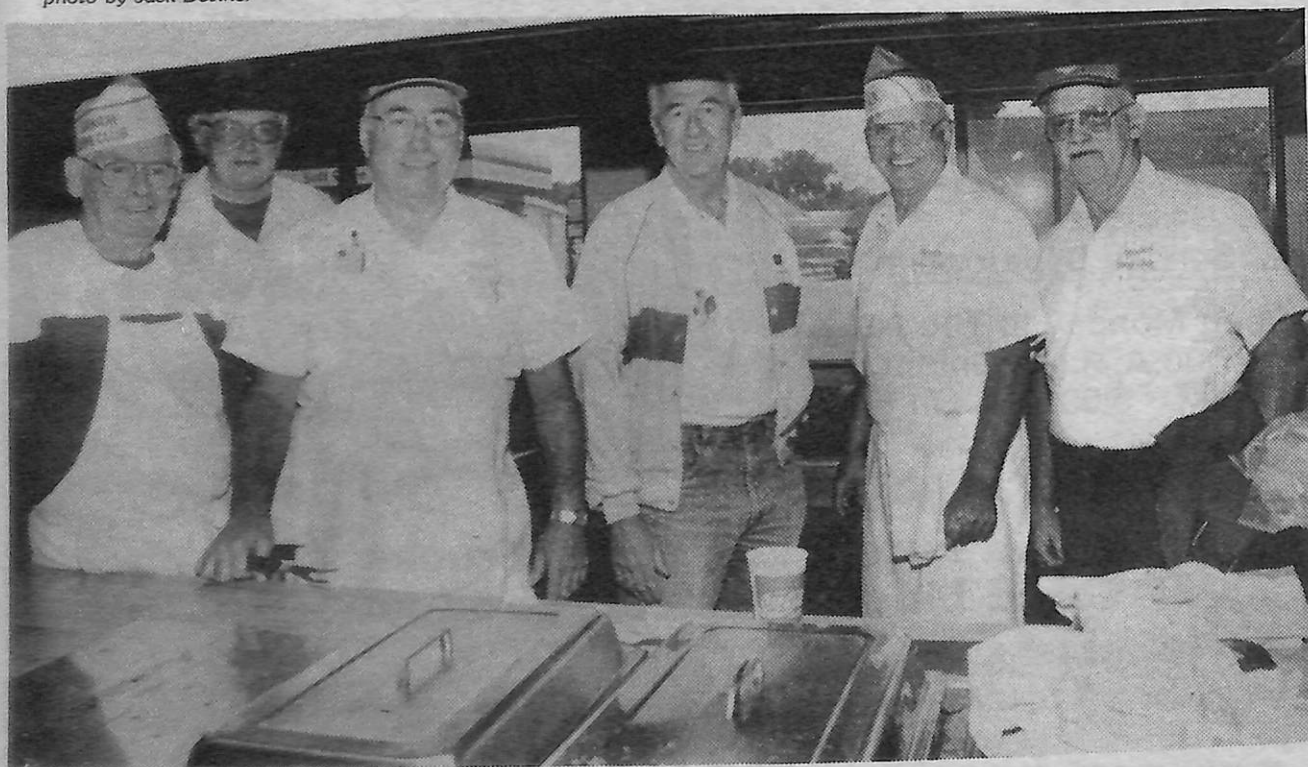
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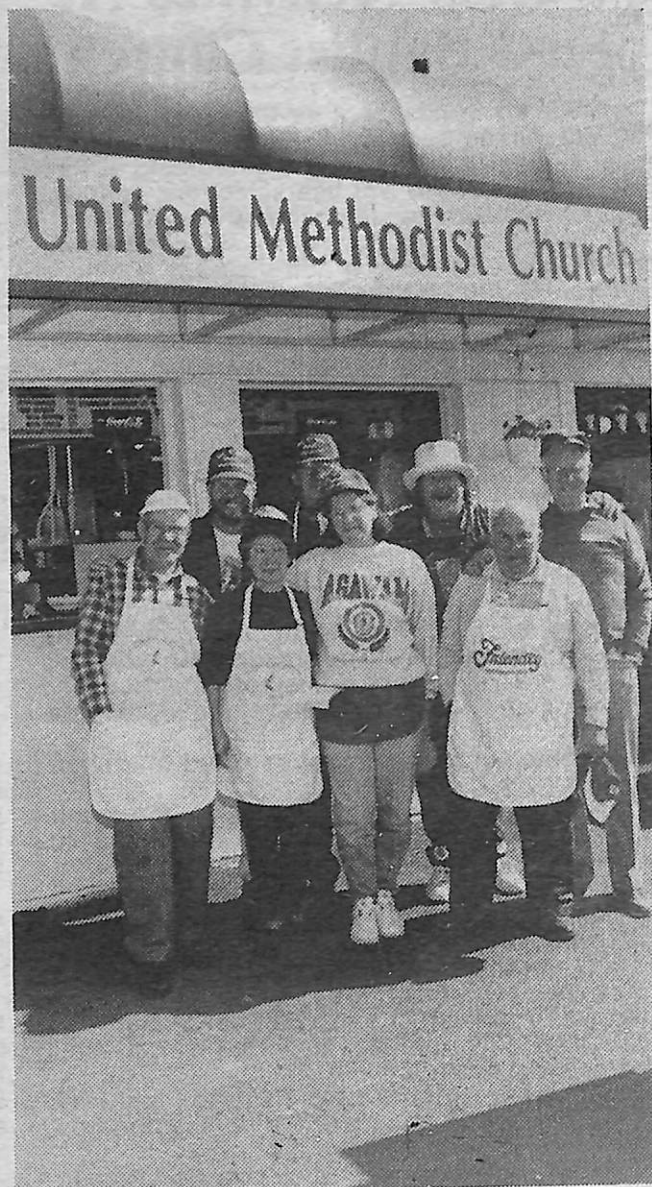
Working at this year's edition of the Eastern States Exposition: Louise Abdow (Information Staff), Rita Moore (Information Manager), Ed Connor (Souvenirs Manager), and Sandy Lynch (Information Staff). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Volunteers for Feeding Hills Congregational Church who were on hand to serve hungry fairgoers: Henry Dunwoody, Jim Wooliver, Barbara Dunwoody, and Carol Soutra. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Lions Club members take "pride" in their Big E cooking: Bill Gardiner, Carl Jackobek, Ed Disco, John Negrucci, Joe Curran, and Al Taupier. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"Say cheese!!!" These Big E volunteers were glad to smile for the camera in front of the Agawam United Methodist Church stand. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



David A. Chase of the West Springfield Rotary Club had a "wicked" time working with candles at The Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Church News

Weekly Activities At First Baptist Church

"The Bare Bones" will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes' sermon this Sunday morning, October 12th, at the 9:30 service of worship at First Baptist Church. He will use selections from the book of Hebrews as his scriptural text.

Following the children's story, the children will go to Children's Church and classes. A time of fellowship will follow worship services, and classes are then available for everyone. Nursery care is always available.

This week, the Missions Committee is suggesting that food brought in for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy of the community be canned soups, meats, and tuna fish.

The fall meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, October 14th, at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Karen Gutowski of Liberty United Methodist Church in Springfield.

Her message, "Vignette About Women Who Make A Difference," will be presented in word and song. There will also be a business meeting, and refreshments will follow the evening's presentations.

All women of the church are invited to attend.

The Caring Connection contacts for the month of October are Lori and Charlie Baker, 786-8140, and Marilyn and Harold Kane, 786-2757.

Coming up this week in our church:

Monday, October 13th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search - Bible Study Group.

Tuesday, October 14th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlights Circle; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group; 7:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship.

Wednesday, October 15th: 7:15 a.m., MidWeek Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, October 16th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Classes are now being held on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. for those interested in learning about Baptist beliefs in preparation for baptism.

The classes are led by Donna Modzelewski and Steve Bailey, and are held in Worthington Hall.

The Social Action Committee is looking for fabric to create sleeping bags for homeless children in our area. Also needed are warm hats.

If you can provide material or create a hat, contact any member of this committee.

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News & Weekly Activities From Feeding Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. The Service of Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, October 12th, will be Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "Doing the Right Thing." Worship on this "Accessibility Sunday" will include a special dedication of our new ramp.

Children should attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

On Sunday, October 12th, our annual all-church offering for Neighbors In Need will be taken. Included among programs supported by this collection is "Naomi's Daughters," which aims to prevent teenage pregnancy and school drop-out by boosting the girls' self-esteem.

Another project made possible by Neighbors In Need is a video called *Reaching for a Dream*. This award-winning video tells the inspiring story of six individuals who have overcome prejudice due to both their color and their disability. This compelling video has been used to teach anti-discrimination.

We have many neighbors in need and should make our contribution to this offering very generous.

Bob Broga has been hard at work for several months to make this year's annual CROP Walk a success. The walk to raise funds for hunger relief through Church World Service will take place on Sunday, October 19th. Registration will take place at the Agawam United Methodist Church, 459 Mill

Street (across from Agawam High School), on that date beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Most area churches have a contact person in their congregation. If yours does not, and you would like to participate, please call Bob Broga at 786-7720 for more information.

A portion of the money raised will go to the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry.

Operation Friendship, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program sponsored by this church, will serve a delicious roast beef dinner to the public on Saturday, October 18th.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Come on out to the church and support international friendship and understanding among youth and adults!

Don't forget! On Sunday, October 12th, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary.

If you unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

On the calendar:
Sunday, October 12th: 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship.

Tuesday, October 14th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, October 15th: 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

Thursday, October 16th: Informer deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Saturday, October 18th: 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., Operation Friendship dinner.

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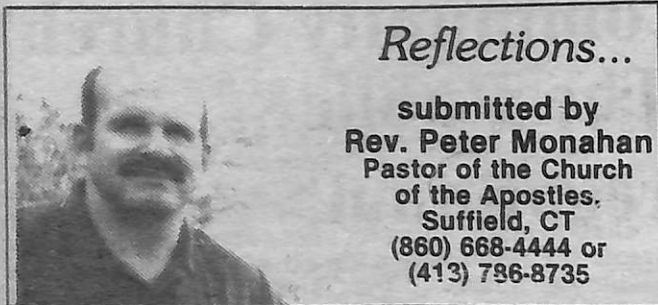
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Promise Keepers Now At A Restaurant Near You

The following is written by Rich Davis, 254 Pearl St., Enfield, CT, who was at the Promise Keepers assembly in Washington, D.C.

I was there. One of the hundreds of thousands of men in Washington D.C. last Saturday at a sacred assembly put together by a bunch of guys who call themselves Promise Keepers. If you saw it on T.V., or in the papers, walk a few steps with me here, past the media's perception, to one man's sense of it all.

I went because I felt alone. Alone in the sense that I live my life trying to honor God, my wife, and my two girls, but I fail miserably at all three. I see my struggle as daily spiritual warfare wherein I am truly disadvantaged when I think I'm the only guy in town that could do the things I do to people that I love. I went looking for other guys that might be walking in a similar path. I went looking for Christ in the hearts of other men.

I found both. But the event I was most unprepared for was being alone at times in a sea of men, loudspeakers, giant video screens, media helicopters, and protesters. But when I was "alone," it was with Christ, on my knees, face lifted to the sky, laying prostate on the ground, singing, or in prayer. I was alone, but not lonely, not by a long shot. Scripture says that where two or three are gathered in His name, Christ is there. You can do the math.

Surveys reported that 62 percent of the men at Promise Keepers struggle with lust. That's a real concern with dire consequences. But it's only one example of problems that can tear men and marriages apart. There are other struggles, and if

every man came face-to-face with each of them, where would he turn? Even if he had a pastor to go to, it would be overwhelming.

We are to be the church of Christ by opening ourselves to each other in the love of Christ. Promise Keepers understands this call of God. Most men want sex, but they don't need it. Their need is to be intimate with their wives, and in a different but real way, also with men and Christ to be at peace.

Christ found me in that crowd, as I wept over my role in my divorce and the pain I caused my kids. There were godly men preaching down front. I listened, and followed their leadings, based on the word of God. Repeatedly I was lifted off my knees in the assurance that I need not go it alone when I got home. Christ is here for me, and by His grace, a few other guys. When the event was over, the single strongest assurance I was given was hope on a level that could only come from a living God who hung on a cross for me 2,000 years ago.

The single most misunderstood promise of this spiritual awakening of God in men's hearts is related to the notion of "dominance" of women and wives. Promise Keepers didn't dream that up, nor is it accurate. In fact, Bill McCartney, who founded Promise Keepers, did so when he realized he had failed his wife as he won a national college football championship.

In scripture, God calls us to SPIRITUAL leadership after we love and serve our wives. Figuratively, we are to "wash their feet," everyday. This I cannot do without a personal relationship with Christ. Fact is, I can't do squat, that has any real value, without Him. PK is not political, either, except that we know that Christ, plus one, is a majority.

A few other important facts about Promise Keepers and then I'll get outta here. PK wants single men, men of all ages, color, income levels, and denominations. We want ex-cons. We want homosexuals. Christ loved and died, not for the saints (there are none compared to Him), but for us sinners.

A small group of us sinners, called Promise Keepers, gather for breakfast every other Saturday at 8:00 a.m. for a couple of hours at Denny's Restaurant in Enfield, opposite Filene's on Elm St. Our next one is October 18th.

Please call 1-800-937-4722 if you want to check PK out or have questions. I promise you, you will find Christ where we gather.

Catholic Women Plan Macaroni Supper For Thursday, Oct. 23rd

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam is pleased to announce that Jennie Christopher (well known for her pasta and meatballs) and Barbara Gingras will put on a Macaroni Supper on Thursday, October 23rd, at St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, 833 Main Street, Agawam, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets can be obtained in advance at St. John's Rectory, from any board or committee member, or at the door that evening. Tickets for adults are \$4.50 each, and children under 12 are \$2.50 each.

Take-out dinners will be available. Sauce will be sold for \$3, and meatballs (in a package of 10) will be sold for \$3. Advance orders may be placed with Lillian Doyle at 786-9586. They may also be purchased the night of the dinner.

Serving on the committee are the following: Mickey Adelman, Peg Altobelli, Alice Buell, Betsy Ciempa, Gloria Colby, Rose Dean, Rose Marie Fazio, Eleanor Funai, Mary Gontczaruk, Marty Jerry, Bea Hamel, Helen Lenihan, Theresa Martin, Minnie Moran, Eileen Lutat, Terry Longo, Barbara Pfau, Eleanor Pietroniro, Evelyn Romano, Pat Sherry, and Millie Vassalo.

Mittineague Church Plans Harvest Supper On October 25th

Mittineague United Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Road, West Springfield will hold its Fall Harvest Supper and Fair on Saturday, October 25th at 5:00 p.m.

Come have dinner before going to the Senior Follies! On the menu will be turkey, biscuits and gravy, the church's famous green beans, squash, creamed onions, cider, coffee, tea, topped off with fresh apple pie.

For reservations, call 788-0304 or 739-0546. Cost for adults is \$8 and \$4 for children ages six through 12. Children under six are free.

St. John's Guild Has Shoe Sale On Tuesday, Oct. 14th

St. John's Guild will sponsor a shoe sale on Tuesday, October 14th from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Brand new women's shoes will be offered at the low price of \$12. The sale will be held in St. John's Church Hall.

The public is invited.

Memorial Service For Dorothy Andrews

A Memorial Service for Dorothy Andrews will be held on Friday, October 10th, at 1:00 p.m. at the

Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

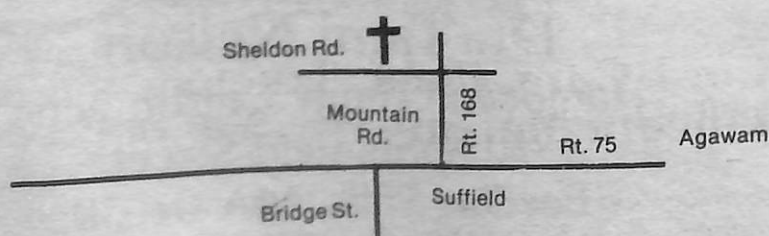
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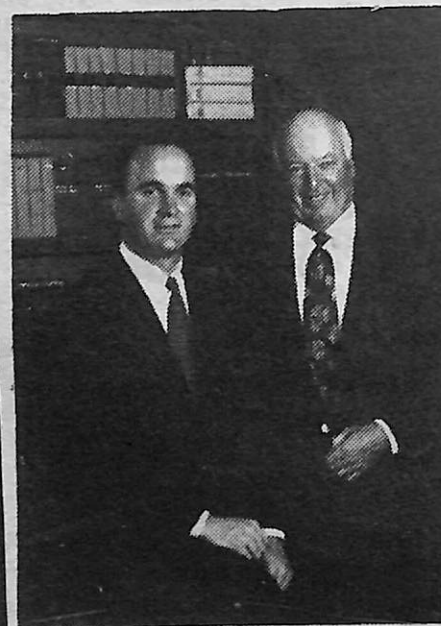
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Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congo

This Sunday, October 12th, is the 21st Sunday after Pentecost. Worship Service continues at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "Seek God Not Evil, That You May Live," taken from Text: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15. The children's message will be "My Friend," by John Hauser.

Ranking items to be placed in the upcoming capital fund drive, continues during the next two Sunday worship services. The last capital campaign was held in the late 1960's.

The congregation wants to renovate the building and add space for the future growth of the church.

Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for grades seven through 12, and at 10:30 a.m. for kindergarten through grade six.

The Church School will be using the "Whole People of God." This highly praised program will be used for every age group.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is spaghetti sauce.

Items collected each week are donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Senior High Group will meet this Sunday, October 12th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This meeting is for all Senior High youth.

Come meet new friends, bring your old friends, and plan activities and events. Call the church office at 786-7111 for more information concerning this group.

A Chicken & Biscuit Supper is planned for Saturday, October 18th. Continuous servings will be from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The menu includes boneless chicken & biscuits, winter squash, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, cranberry sauce, apple pie, and beverages.

The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children. For reservations, call the church office at 786-7111 or Jerry Hamel at 786-2908.

Reservations close on October 17th.

A new member class will begin next Wednesday, October 15th, at 7:45 after the midweek service. Rev. Fuller will lead the three informational sessions.

Topics will include Church history, Bible literacy, spiritual growth, mission projects, and Church polity and programs.

The Annual CROP WALK will be Sunday, October 19th. (Step off time is 2:00 p.m. at the Agawam Methodist Church.)

If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker, please contact the church office at 786-7111.

Doors Of Valley Community Church Always Open To The Public

The doors of Valley Community Church are wide open to welcome members, friends, and visitors to our Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

With Pastor Steve Dennehy on his last missionary week in Guatemala, the service this week will once again be led by Lyle Pearsons. Lyle will follow up on his message last week on "What Would Jesus Do?"

At the close of that service, Lyle handed out bracelets, which had the initials WWJD on them, to all church children. He asked them to wear these bracelets all day, every day, until next Sunday.

Then, during a time of conflict or unrest, he asked them to think first how Jesus might address their problem; what he might say or do to resolve the problem. He suggested that they follow Jesus' lead, and resolve the issue in the same way.

In conclusion, he asked that they share their new discovery of problem-solving with the congregation next week. Not only was this met with eager enthusiasm by the children, but many adults could be heard discussing their own thoughts on this new idea with others in the congregation.

We invite everyone to attend this open-learning message on Sunday morning.

Coffee and "goodies" will be served in Dunn Hall immediately following the service. All are welcome to share in good food and warm fellowship.

Church School begins promptly at 11:00 for classes of all ages from kindergarten through adults. Nursery care is available for younger children all throughout the morning.

The Board of Administration meeting, scheduled for Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., has been cancelled until November.

Catholic Women's Club To Host A Living Rosary

The Catholic Women's Club of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam, will hold a Living Rosary meeting on Monday, October 13th, at 8:00 p.m.

The Living Rosary will consist of club members praying the rosary. As each rosary bead is prayed, a light will go on (red for Our Father, and blue for the Hail Mary).

Organist Charles Maniscalchi will provide the music for the songs dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Chairwoman Alice Buell and club president Betsy Ciempa invite all members to bring a friend. The hospitality chairwoman for the evening is Elaine Smith.

The Ladies Club will meet on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dot Wells. This meeting will be a "fun night" gathering, a time to chat, to share ideas for upcoming events, and just to relax and enjoy each other's company after a summer apart. All the "ladies" of the church are urged to come and enjoy good food and great fun.

Both choirs will be rehearsing on Wednesday evening, October 15th. The Junior Choir will meet at 6:15 p.m. and the Senior Choir at 7:00 p.m. Although each choir may differ in harmony, the enthusiasm and gusto displayed by both choirs is indeed catching by the congregation on Sunday mornings. This church has been truly blessed by our musical ability.

On Saturday, October 18th, our missionaries will return! And although we are sure that Guatemala will be saddened to see them leave, we are excited to have Pastor Steve Dennehy, Diane Gorman, Lois Granger, and Lois McCarl return to their church home and their families. The congregation is eager to hear the wonderful things that they accompanied for our brothers and sisters in Central America. We invite everyone to attend our Worship Service on Sunday, October 19th to welcome them back and hear the great news they have to share.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to conflicting schedules and times, our "Mortgage Auction" which was scheduled for Saturday, October 25th has been postponed until spring.

Valley Community Church is located "high on a hilltop" at 152 South Westfield Street. For more information on Worship or events, please call the church office at 786-2445, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Holiday Bazaar At Immaculate Church On November 1st

Reservations for crafters are being accepted for the Annual Holiday Bazaar of Immaculate Conception Parish of Main St., West Springfield to be held on November 1st in the school auditorium from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

For applications, contact Rita Hannigan, Chairman, 739-2966 or the Parish Rectory at 736-4071. Application deadline is October 15th.

Many outstanding articles have been secured for the bazaar raffle as well as plans for a Chinese Auction, bake sale table, St. Jude booth, special candy booth, and parish craft booth.

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Weekly Message From Agawam Methodist Church

One of the clearest pictures found within biblical writings is that of sowing and reaping. Jesus drew the picture of a sower scattering seeds. They were seeds capable of germinating.

The writer to the Galatians visualized a possible result when he said, "Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap."

No community is more capable of understanding with utmost clarity the implication of these pictures, and the sayings that accompany them, than an agricultural community.

A community is always planting seeds. Just as Jesus planted or sowed on the hearts of people, so we continue the process by sowing in the hearts of others. We sow words and actions. They bear fruit. Chief among those in whose lives we sow our words and actions are our children.

I have chosen to write about sowing because of the cry that today is being heard far and wide concerning what is going on with our children of school age. We hear of the influence of drugs; we hear of rape; we hear of bullying; and we hear of stabbings, shootings, and murder.

While we fear and panic, running to the courts or to the psychiatrist with the uncontrollable third grader or fourth grader (or the extremely rebellious and sometimes vengeful teenager), it is time to stop and ask the serious question that may begin the series of questions and answers: "What seeds have we been sowing within the last decade or so? What are the priorities with which our children are being brought up?"

The church has a suggestion. It suggests that in the life of the growing child, time for God — for worship of God, for learning about God's creation of all people, and relationships with others according to God's plan for God's world — should never give way to any form of secular activity or in any way take second place.

What a child or even an adult chooses as a priority in life has the power of setting the pace for action and behavior.

Our Sunday School at Agawam United Methodist Church seeks to help children to accomplish in their life a search and an eagerness to follow the highest ideals as set forth in the life and walk of Christ.

It is our pleasure to invite you to join us on Sunday, October 12th, at 9:30 a.m. for our Sunday School celebration. An open invitation is also given to all parents who would like their children to share in our weekly program.

Saturday Night Supper At Valley Community To Begin Oct. 11th

The Valley Community Church supper workers are excited!! After a long (and much needed) summer vacation, the kitchen crew at Valley Community Church is ready to get back to what they do best. And that is baking chicken.

The next community-famous **Chicken Supper** will be held on Saturday, October 11th. The menu will be filled with baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, rolls with butter, along with a beverage.

The dessert table will once again be filled with many different, delectable, enticing, and guaranteed-fattening desserts for you to choose from.

Continuous servings are available from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. As in the past, reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by calling Shirley at 786-2576 or Dot at 786-6031.

Members of the church suggest you come a little early and look out at the spectacular foliage from "high on the hilltop" at 152 South Westfield St.

St. John's Over-60 Planning Trip To New York City

The St. John's Over-60 Club's trip to New York City on November 29th has some seats still available. There are only seven seats available with tickets to Radio City Music Hall.

The price for the bus trip, tin for the driver, and First Mezzanine is \$90.

If you would just like a one-day trip to New York, there are six (6) seats available on the bus without theatre tickets. Interested? Call Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

Plans are in the making for St. John's Christmas Bazaar. Attic treasures will be accepted at any time now.

The "Needle and Thread" booth can use cotton material, mattress pads, and sewers. The jewelry booth can use old jewelry, even broken pieces.

Bring items to the Parish Center marked "For Bazaar."

Weekly Activities And Events At Sacred Heart Church

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The R.C.I.A. program will be held again this year at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. This Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the normal process for people to inquire into and become part of the Catholic family.

For more information, please call Sr. Eileen Sullivan at 786-8200.

MASS BOOK

The Mass book will be available for Masses during 1998. Beginning Wednesday, October 15th and Thursday, October 16th, you may come into the rectory between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. and arrange for one Mass per family.

After November 15th, an additional two Masses may be arranged.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association (SHAA) baseball and softball is seeking volunteers to help within the organization.

Volunteers are needed in all aspects, such as maintenance, fundraising, player practices, game scheduler, and uniform/supply coordinator.

If you are interested, please call Norm Gilbert at 786-8606 or call 789-6705 (CCD phone) and leave your name and number on the machine. You need not have children in the Association to volunteer.

The SHAA will be holding sign-ups on the weekend of October 18th/19th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

ADULT EDUCATION

Come join us at either the morning or evening program sponsored by the Education Commission of the local Catholic parishes; "Understanding the Liturgy."

Morning Sessions: St. John's, Agawam, Tuesdays, October 14th, 21st, 28th, and November 4th, 10:00 a.m.

Evening Sessions: St. Anthony's, North Agawam, Thursdays, October 16th, 23rd, 30th, and November 6th, 7:00 p.m.

There is no fee involved. For more information, on registration call the Rectory at 786-8200.

Operation Friendship Has Roast Beef Dinner Slated For Oct. 18th

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on October 18th.

Servings are from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. Adults are \$7.25; children under 12 are \$4; and children under five are free.

For reservations, call 786-7898 or 789-2410. Walk-ins are welcomed.

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More Tips For Dining Out Healthy...

With a little thought and planning, eating out can be nutritious as well as tasty.

The more meals you eat away from home, the greater the impact those meals make on your total daily food intake. It's easy to pick up an item here and there and lose sight of your total eating pattern.

For instance, you may grab a hamburger or salad, but overlook the apple and milk. And there's always the "urge to splurge" when eating away from home.

Some of the nutritional shortcomings of meals out can be:

- Too many calories.
- Too much fat and sodium.
- Too few vitamins and minerals, such as calcium.
- Too little fiber.

Without some guidelines to follow, it's easy to develop unwise food selection patterns, which can lead to poor food habits that are difficult to change.

The goals for good nutrition still apply when eating out:

- Eat a variety of healthful foods in moderate amounts.
- Occasional fast-food meals or elegant French sauces do not upset an otherwise balanced eating plan.
- People who eat out regularly must make more careful choices. Look for "heart healthy" alternatives featured on many menus.

Here are some guidelines for your favorite restaurants:

Fine dining: Elegant, formal, and more expensive restaurants. Continental or French cooking are

the most common cuisines.

Positive choices: Consomme, gazpacho, or fruit soups; vegetable plate with mustard sauce or salsa and steamed vegetables; garden or spinach salad with dressing on side; broiled, steamed, poached, roasted, baked, Cajun, or blackened entrees; four- to eight-ounce steak; au jus, provençal, or fruit sauces; plain rolls and breadsticks; baked potato and red skin potatoes; fresh fruit or sorbet.

Cautions: Cream soups and soups topped with cheese; pate, quiche lorraine, and stuffed appetizers; bacon, avocado, nuts, cheese, croutons, or egg; breaded, fried, sautéed, au gratin, escalloped, en croute, creamed, en casserole, or Kiev entrees; 12- to 24-ounce steak; gravy, berraise, hollandaise, bechamel, or bordelaise sauces; garlic bread, cheese spreads, and flavored butters; sautéed, fried, or twice-baked potatoes, croquettes, and buttered noodles; cheesecake and French pastries.

International (Ethnic) dining: International restaurants, often moderately priced, and as varied as the countries they represent. Indian, Chinese, Mexican, Thai, Italian, Greek, and German restaurants are all popular.

Italian

Positive choices: Minestrone soup; breadsticks; vinegar and oil dressing; pasta with red sauce such as marinara; chicken cacciatore; cappuccino.

Cautions: Antipasto plates; buttered garlic bread; creamy Italian dressing; creamy white or butter sauce such as Alfredo; Italian sausage; Italian ice cream.

Chinese

Positive choices: Wonton soup; hot and sour soup; beef with broccoli; chicken, scallops, or shrimp with vegetables; steamed rice.

Cautions: Fried wontons; egg rolls; sweet and sour pork or shrimp and lemon chicken; Peking duck; fried rice.

Mexican

Positive choices: Black bean soup and menudo; salsa; soft, plain tortillas; burritos, soft tacos, enchiladas, and tamales.

Cautions: Guacamole dip with taco chips; sour cream and cheese; crispy, fried tortillas; tacos, taco salad, tostadas, chile rellenos, and quesadillas.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

Agawam Senior Ctr. To Host "Health Expo" On Oct. 28th

The Agawam Senior Center, located at 68 Meadowbrook Manor, will be hosting a "Health Expo" on Tuesday, October 28, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The admission is free, and the Expo will be offering blood pressure screenings, cholesterol screenings, vision and hearing exams, and much, much more.



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If you find yourself spending every Saturday at the end of a rake, these are a few tips to keep your back in good health:

- Stretch. Yes, I've said this before, but it is important to loosen the muscles before activity using them.

- Keep your back straight. This is your back's strongest position. Try to keep your spine straight. Most injuries occur during the twisting and bending motion (as when filling a bag with leaves).

- Use your leg muscles. Let them do the lifting. Keep a slight band in the knees and hips.

- Take frequent breaks. Take a moment to rehydrate with a cool glass of water, and don't forget, colas and teas contribute to dehydration.

- Jumping in a pile of leaves is great for stress relief. Try it! (Make sure the pile is good and high—less strain on the back!)

- To really decrease strain, have your children rake the leaves!

- If you are sore after exertion, apply an ice pack to the area for 10-15 minutes each hour. If the pain from an injury does not go away in a day or two, call our office for an appointment.

- To maintain spinal health, come to our office for periodic chiropractic spinal examinations.

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Mercy Hospital Hosts Cancer Support Group

Persons living with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. Meetings are conducted on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center and are free of charge.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department. (413) 748-9453.

Children With Emotional Problems Can Receive Help

A support group for parents of children experiencing emotional and/or mental illness will meet on October 14th at 7:00 p.m. at Wesson Hospital, 140 High St., Springfield.

It will be a caring and sharing meeting. Parents, teachers, and other professionals are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, call Sandy Iserman at 562-2143.

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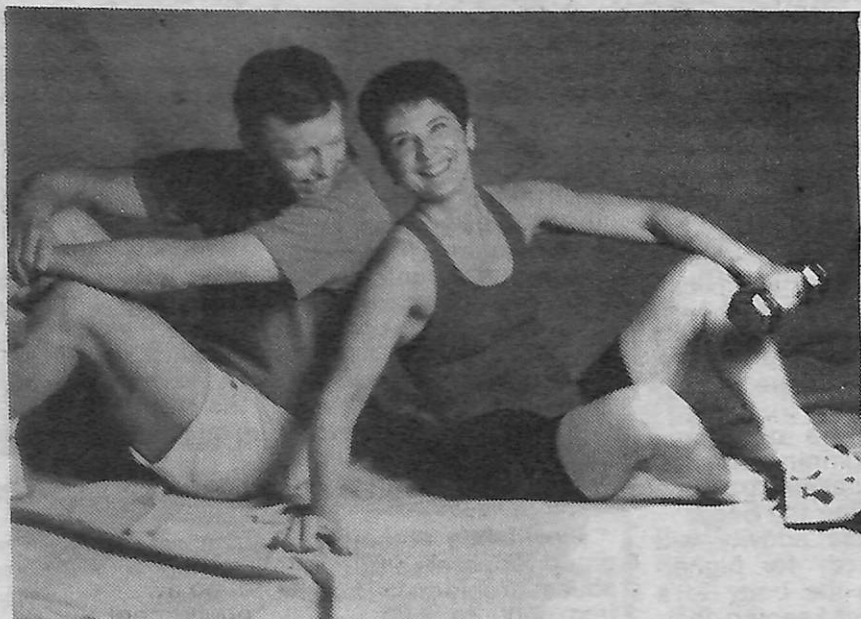
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*Fitness Tips...*

Asthma And Exercise

by Garen Stoehr
Fitness Director - Fitness First

There are many myths that circulate through the health and fitness field. One in particular is that asthmatics cannot participate in sports or physical activity.

Twelve to 15 percent of our population are diagnosed as asthmatics, which become evident with their repeated attacks of breathlessness. Many of the symptoms associated with asthma are wheezing, dry cough, and tightness in the chest. These attacks may result from stress, air pollutants, respiratory infection, tobacco smoke, or brought on by an allergic reaction.

Many of us have heard the term exercise-induced asthma (EIA). This condition is, in fact, a result of rigorous physical activity. The key term here is rigorous; just because an individual has EIA does not mean they should be excluded from exercise.

These individuals may need to stay within the lower end of their heart rate zone. Research has shown that as tolerance to physical activity is built up over time, an asthmatic is less likely to have an attack during exercise.

We have mentioned that exercise is beneficial to this particular condition, but how is it beneficial? Exercise helps reduce the risk of other influential diseases, stress, and allows for quality sleep. If these conditions are not controlled, it may trigger an attack or even increase the severity of an asthmatic episode.

All medical conditions must be cited and cleared by a physician before beginning an exercise session. It is beneficial to take extra time when warming the body and cooling the body.

Prolonged, low-intensity aerobic activity will help to properly prepare the body for higher-intensity exercise and to return the body to a resting state. One should consider keeping their heart rate in the lower end of their heart rate zone, and avoid exercising in polluted, cold, or dry air; these conditions are not suited for asthmatics.

Asthma is not a word that should indicate inactivity. It has not prevented Jackie Joyner-Kersey from participating in the Olympic summer games, and it should not prevent you from obtaining your individual goals. Take it slow and enjoy what you do!

You turn our pages for all the hometown news...

Noble Hospital Announces October Support Groups

The following support groups will meet during the month of October at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield:

* **Crohn's & Colitis:** Tuesday, October 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A. Round table discussion; free, of charge; open to individuals with Crohn's or colitis, as well as their families and friends.

* **Diabetes:** Tuesday, October 28th, at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room A. Armand Aliotta, M.D., Neurologist, will speak on "What Is Diabetes Neuropathy?" Free of charge and open to individuals with diabetes, their friends, and family members.

* **Stroke:** Wednesday, October 22nd, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Room of the Bronson Rehabilitation Center. Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from stroke, their families, and friends.

* **Better Breathers** (co-sponsored by Lung Association): Wednesday, October 15th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Coffee Shop. Free of charge and open to individuals with pulmonary disorders, family members, and friends.

For further information regarding any of the aforementioned support groups, please contact Noble Hospital at (413) 568-2811.

Providence Hospital Offers Support For Parents Of Kids With Substance Abuse Problem

Providence Hospital offers a weekly support group for parents of children with drug or alcohol abuse problems. The group meets Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at 317 Maple Street in downtown Holyoke.

The meetings provide an opportunity for parents whose children are currently involved with substance abuse, or have been in the past, to share ideas on how to deal with the problem. There is no charge for the sessions.

The substance abuse services of Providence Hospital are part of Sisters of Providence Behavioral HealthCare (SPBHC).

For information on the support group, call Karen Walsh Pio, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., Administrator, SPBHC Outpatient Substance Abuse Services; or Bob Pisani, M.S., Coordinator, SPBHC Adolescent Intensive Day Treatment Services, (413) 535-1000.

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"Eating On The Run" Is Special Forum With Dietitian Nancy Dell

The Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital will host a special forum entitled "Eating on the Run" with Nancy Dell, M.S., R.D., on Tuesday, October 21st, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center.

Participants will learn how to minimize time in the kitchen and maximize nutrition. Other topics will include the secrets of quick, nutritious meals; rating the nutritional value of one's breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and how to eat healthy and make the most of "take-out."

Dell is a registered dietitian and has served as a nutrition news correspondent with NBC affiliates in New England and the New York area for more than a decade. She is owner and nutrition education specialist of Food For Thought Communications and makes guest appearances as a nutrition specialist and consultant. Dell holds a master of science in human nutrition from the University of Massachusetts and a bachelor of science in biology and chemistry from Westfield State College.

For more information, contact the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.

New Mothers Can Exercise At Mercy Hospital

New mothers will enjoy the fitness, fun, and encouragement of exercise programs offered by the Family Life Center at Mercy Hospital.

The hour-long classes are conducted Tuesdays, with a beginner session at 5:00 p.m. and an advanced class at 6:00 p.m. Professionals specially trained in postnatal exercise lead the workouts, which focus on helping women return to their pre-pregnancy shape. Participants are welcome to bring their babies to class.

The fee is \$25 per month, with a one-time fee of \$15 for class materials, including a take-home video. Advance registration is required; for more information and to register, call the Family Life Center, (413) 748-7295.

Ag. Health Dept. Plans Flu Clinics

The Agawam Health Department will be holding flu clinics on the following dates:

October 8th: Meadowbrook Manor, 66 Meadowbrook Manor, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; October 14th: Pheasant Hill, 25 Pheasant Hill Dr., 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; October 28th, Danahy School House, 51 Maple St., 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Who should get the flu shot? Individuals aged 65 and older; individuals with chronic asthma or other lung diseases; individuals with weakened immune systems.

If you have any questions, contact the Health Department at (413) 786-0400, ext. 207.

Quit Smoking Now With Program At Baystate Medical Center

Quitting smoking may be hard, but there is help available. For those who are "ready to quit," Baystate Medical Center will offer a six-session Freedom from Smoking program beginning on Monday, October 20th.

The program, facilitated by the pulmonary rehabilitation nurses from Baystate, will explore smoking habits and how to develop coping strategies and behavior modification skills.

"One of the hardest things about quitting smoking is trying to ease the psychological addiction, not the physical addiction," said Marie Lemoine RN, coordinator of Pulmonary Nursing at Baystate.

Self-help materials and a relaxation tape will also be provided.

The sessions will be held on Mondays, October

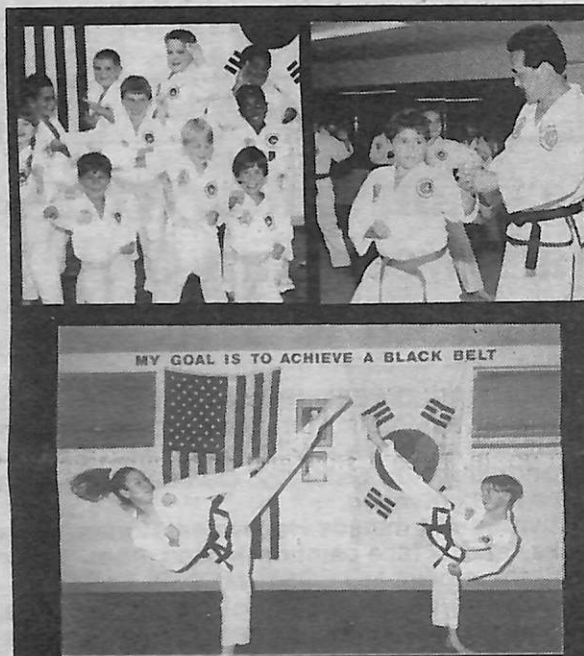
20th, 27th, and November 3rd, 10th, and 17th, with a special support session to be held on Wednesday, November 5th, 48 hours after participants should have stopped smoking completely.

Participants will be able to call the pulmonary nurses for support during regular business hours, however, a "buddy system" with other participants will be set up for additional support.

The cost of the program is \$50. Insurance is not accepted for the program, however, some HMOs may reimburse participants upon successful completion of the program.

Sessions will be held in the hospital's West Springfield Room on Centennial 2 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. To register, call the Professionals at 784-2255 or toll free outside of the Springfield calling area at 1-800-377-HEALTH.

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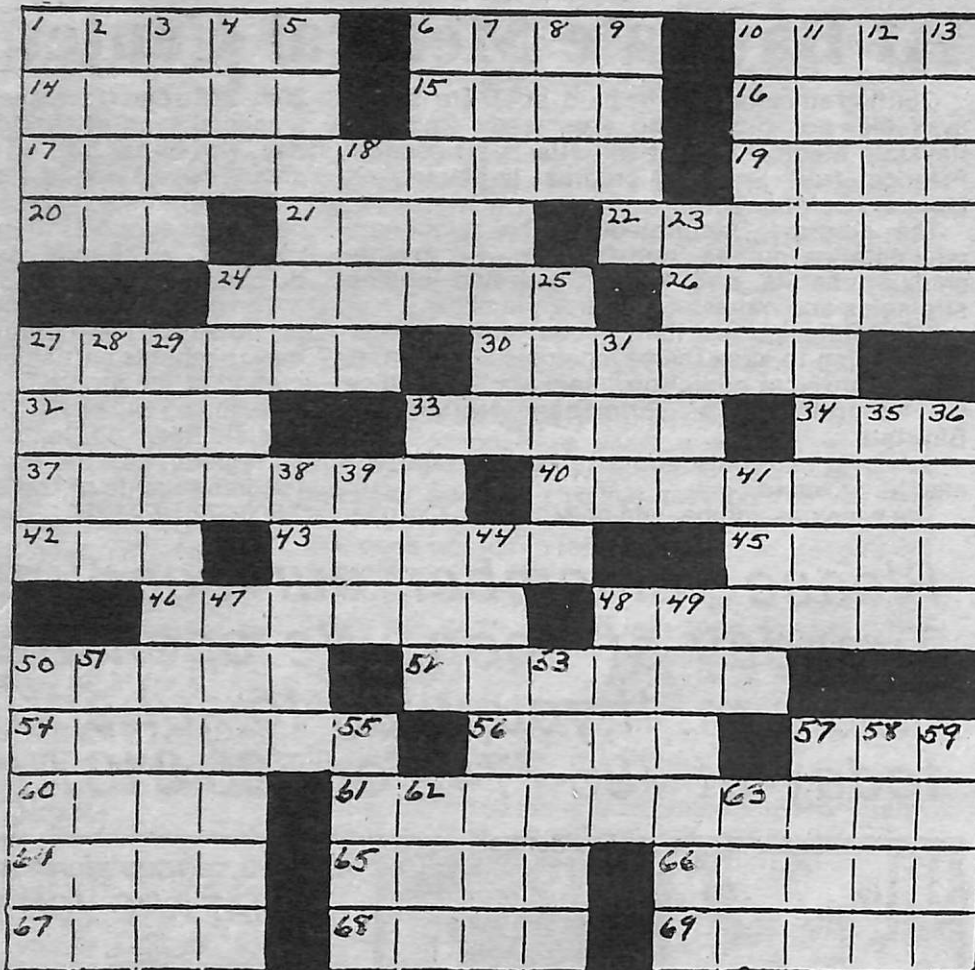
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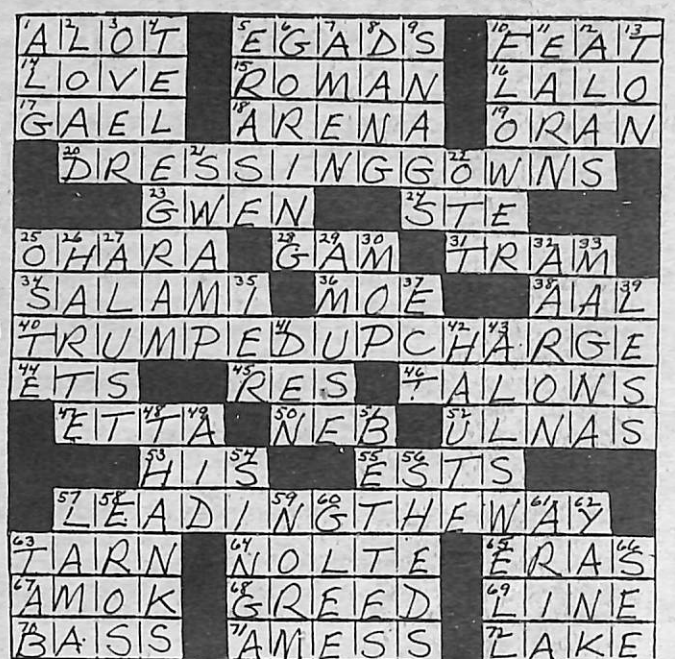
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Last Week's Solution...



World War II Chorus Announces October Practice Sessions

In preparation for the November 19 performance, the World War II Chorus will hold a number of practice sessions during October, with a variety of times and days in order to make it possible for people to attend at least a few without other conflicts.

It is still possible to join the group, which is open to anyone in any age bracket and will perform in an informal setting at Agawam High School in presenting a number of songs (mostly with a war-related text) from the war years, but also including some of the top hits of those years.

Attendance at only a few of the practice sessions will make it possible for members to be prepared for the actual performance, which will also include a number by the Senior High Show Choir, some students from the Junior High Chorus, and some members of the Middle School Chorus as well as Mr. Spiro's fifth grade class.

Several excellent soloists have become members of the group and will be featured in the Concert, along with three young ladies who will present a "pre-teen" version of the Andrews Sisters in their rendition of "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B." Audience participation in a number of songs will be welcome.

Members of the Senior Center Melody Band have volunteered to serve as the Pit Orchestra for the Concert.

All practice sessions in October for the World War II Chorus will take place at the Agawam Senior Center.

- * At 7:00 p.m.: Thursday, October 16th; Tuesday, October 21st; and Wednesday, October 29th.
- * At 2:30 p.m.: Tuesday October 14th, and Tuesday, October 28th.

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Polish American Club Accepting Applications For Annual Craft Fair

The Women's Auxilliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam is accepting applications for its 15th annual craft fair to be held on Saturday, November 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

For an application or more information, please contact Sandy at 786-2739.

Agawam Library Has Halloween Fun On Oct. 25th & 27th

HALLOWEEN HULLABALOO

The Agawam Public Library will host a program for children aged five and up, along with a parent or grandparent on Saturday, October 25th, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Activities will include Halloween stories, some snacks, and a face-painting lesson from "Short Stuff," the clown. NO COSTUMES, PLEASE.

Register in person, or by calling the library at 789-1550. Participants must register by Wednesday, October 22nd.

MAGIC WEEK CELEBRATION "More Magical Moments"

Agawam and Feeding Hills residents aged four and up are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Monday, October 27th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., to celebrate National Magic Week with Ed Popielarczyk.

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Education

Student Teacher Brings Shakespeare Revival To Agawam High

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

For most people, words like fun, interesting, and cool would not be the first words to come to mind to describe Shakespeare. But, those are the words kids at Agawam High School use in talking about the Shakespeare Study Club launched by student teacher Corey Romanak last month.

Meeting once a week after school, the club began with two students interested in reading and discussing "Hamlet" just for fun. The following week, eight students showed up. Then 15. Last week's meeting drew 20 students eager to read the parts of Hamlet and Ophelia and talk about the characters' actions and motivations.

Leading the students through the sometimes daunting language of Elizabethan literature, Romanak's enthusiasm for the subject spread to the kids as he put it all in terms they could easily understand.

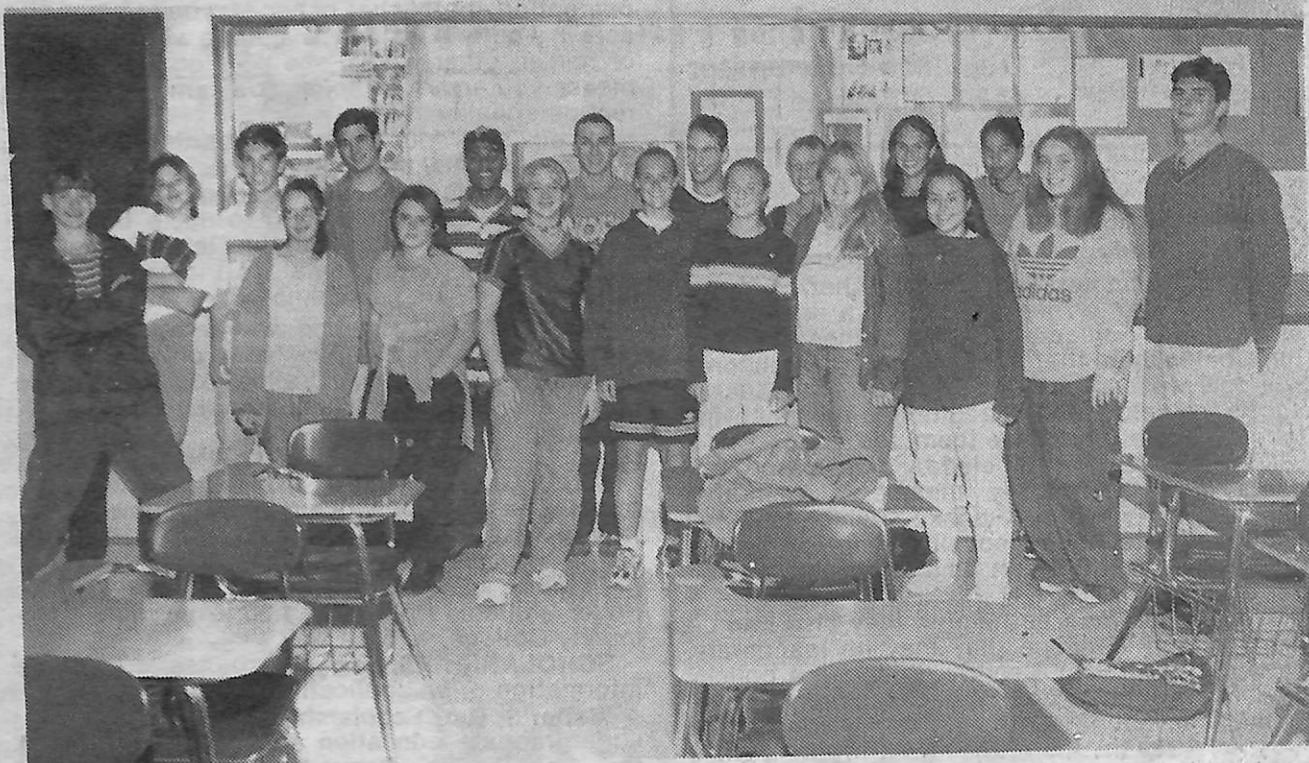
For the students, about half of whom are in Romanak's classes, the club not only helps them with their English classes, but gives them the chance to talk about Shakespeare's works with other kids who share their enthusiasm for the plays.

A member of Romanak's 10th grade English class, **John Watson** said, "I think Shakespeare is kind of cool. I wasn't interested before we started studying 'Julius Caesar' in class. At the club meetings, I've learned a lot about Shakespeare and 'Hamlet.' I like the way we're learning it because it's not like a class and it makes it easier because Shakespeare is hard to understand."

Crystal Rivers agreed that the sessions were "fun - something different to do after school." **Raquel Rodriguez** said she is interested in studying drama, so joining the club made sense. "I've always liked Shakespeare and the club is all about plays. That's what I'm interested in."

A chance meeting with "Shakespeare" at a Medieval Fair in New York State sparked **Angela Gontczaruk's** interest in his plays. "When I met 'Shakespeare,' he told us about his life and his work. It really came alive for me. He's not just some guy we study in school. He writes really interesting stories if you can just understand them," Angela said. "These kids are all interested and that makes it more fun."

Working in cooperation with veteran AHS English teacher **Sandy Hines**, Romanak is teaching three sophomore English classes and two writing labs for upperclassmen.



THE GROWING AGAWAM HIGH SHAKESPEARE STUDY CLUB is being led by student teacher **Corey Romanak** (far right), a senior at Springfield College. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"A Big Asset To The School"

Taking on a student teacher for the first time in her 32-year career has been a rewarding experience, according to Mrs. Hines. "He really fits in at AHS, both academically as a teacher and athletically as a member of last year's national college volleyball championship team," Mrs. Hines said. "He's been a big asset to the school. I would love to see him hired if there is an opening next year."

Both teachers agreed that while their teaching styles may be different, each has learned something valuable from the other. Romanak takes advantage of his mentor's insights as Romanak brings his own style to the classroom.

"I don't consider myself a traditional teacher. I like a lot of interaction with the kids," Romanak said. "I always tell the kids if they disagree with me, that's fine. I don't like to feed them information. I like to have them telling me their own thoughts and theories and I'm learning from them, too."

For Romanak, the key to success has been creating a classroom environment comfortable enough for the kids to join in the discussions and be willing to offer opinions, even if they differ from his.

"The comfort level of the students is very important to me," Romanak said. "My favorite teachers were the ones who cared about the

students and I'd like the students to know I do care."

Currently a senior at Springfield College, the Metuchen, New Jersey native plans to return to his hometown after graduation in the spring. He is hoping to get a job at St. Joseph's High School, his alma mater.

"I had such a positive experience there that I graduated knowing I wanted to return there as a teacher," Romanak said. "My teachers at St. Joseph's were the reason I wanted to become a teacher."

Some Surprises

Romanak's experience as the person on the other side of the teacher's desk has been everything he had hoped, but there was one surprise.

"I was surprised at how much the students are willing to look out for their teacher," Romanak said. "If you're willing to meet the students halfway, they will keep their interest level up."

Romanak will complete his stint as a student teacher at AHS later this month before beginning an eight-week student teaching assignment at Forest Park Junior High School in Springfield.

According to Mrs. Hines, her students are already grieving the loss of one of their favorite teachers. "They don't want to talk about it, but I told them it's better if they do," Mrs. Hines said. "One of the classes wants to get a petition drive going to keep him here."

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AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
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Labeling...

We live our lives by labels. Think about it. When we go into a market, we search the shelves for the labels we want. When we go into a department store, we look diligently for the clothes that have the label in them that fit us the best. Our children will only wear a certain pair of jeans because it sports the right label! In addition to things having labels, people often have them, too.

Children are often labeled by classmates, teachers, or other family members. A mother nicknamed her child "Spunky," which she felt really bespoke her personality. Another parent, going through a difficult time in her life, named her child "Hope."

While labels can be helpful, they also can do harm, mainly because they may be inaccurate. Says author Dr. Jay Belsky, "Suppose a colicky newborn is dubbed 'cranky' because he cries a lot ... then, a year later, if he wails whenever his mother leaves the room, she may attribute it to his 'difficult temperament,' when in fact he's just expressing normal separation anxiety."

Parents may mistake a temporary behavior problem for a permanent aspect of personality and this may color their future interactions with their child. Then, too, a child learns who he is partly by seeing himself reflected in his parents' responses to him. If the label is inappropriate, the child receives an inappropriate, and distorted picture.

Labeling may leave you, the parent, less able to see other components of your child's personality. You've pegged him a certain way, so you don't notice other aspects of his behavior that may counter your preconceived notions.

A parent should avoid typecasting. Just because John is good with his hands, don't just suggest to him a field that is hands-on. This will hinder the child from exploring different avenues.

Avoid pigeonholing a child into being the doctor and his brother into being the artist. This stops each from even trying to step into the other's creative territory. Actually, if he could tread there, he might find incredible success. Separating the two siblings via your preconceived notions may even distance one sibling from the other, rather than allowing them to realize they have shared interests.

Labeling follows a child into adulthood. Do you remember how, perhaps, you hated to give speeches and your friends labeled you as shy? Well, now you're a grown-up and you've become active in the PTO. A meeting is being held and when you're asked to give a speech, your heart starts to beat quickly, memories are evoked, and you quickly refuse. The labeling from your youth has come back to haunt you.

There is a way to avoid using the label gun...

Next time you are in conversation with a friend, spouse, teacher, or whomever, pay attention to the descriptive words they use and you use for your child. Your perceptions may surprise you.

What you think describes your child is not the perception another has of her. Maybe at home she acts in a certain fashion to validate what you think of her; in other words, she puts on an "act" to please you and in so doing, she camouflages her real personality.

Do envision your children as multidimensional. Realize that they are all like salads, with many ingredients that make up the completed whole. Each ingredient is important to make the salad complete. By just looking at the "lettuce," you do not see the beautiful "tomatoes and carrots" that help give the salad substance.

Stay open to the person who is uniquely your child. By avoiding limiting your child with unnecessary labels, you will allow your child to be better able to explore his potential.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES: If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

October 14th: Westfield State College, 8:30; Roger Williams University, 1:00; Greenfield Community College, 1:15.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Walter S. Barr Scholarship: These awards for undergraduate education are made annually by the Scholarship Committee to residents of Agawam, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Springfield, West Springfield, or Wilbraham. The competition is decided on the basis of school records, SAT scores, general attainments, and financial need. **Deadline: December 31, 1997.**

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Boston University: Sunday, October 26th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Daniel Webster College: Monday, October 13th, or Sunday, October 26th.

St. John Fisher College: October 13th or November 9th.

Sacred Heart University: Saturday, November 8th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Regis College: Sunday, October 26th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH eighth grader Jamie B. Borkosky exhibited some of her art work at UMass recently.

Jamie B. Borkosky Part Of Art Exhibit At UMass Gallery

Jamie B. Borkosky, an eighth grade student at the Agawam Junior High School, participated in an art exhibit at the Wheeler Gallery at the University of Massachusetts from September 16th through October 2nd.

Jamie has been taking art lessons for the past year with local artist Donald R. Blanton of Springfield, who was exhibiting new sculptures in various colors of alabaster, with earlier carved sculptures in wood and paintings in the Wheeler Gallery. Blanton's exhibit was called "New Works in Stone."

Jamie was part of the "apprentice" portion of the exhibit - collections of original, multi-media works by individuals from many groups with whom Blanton works as teacher, mentor, or artist-in-residence.

At the Junior High, Jamie is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and yearbook staff. She also enjoys playing softball in the spring and summer.

She is the daughter of Daniel & Gail Borkosky of Feeding Hills.

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Several other water safety skills were practiced. Some swimming skills included floating, surface diving, swimming, and basic rescue techniques. For boating skills, the boys practiced righting the capsized canoe and bailing out water.

These were only some of the requirements needed to earn the Aquanaut pin for fourth and fifth grade boys. A more complete training from certified instructors is available during summer Resident Camp at Horace B. Moses Scout Reservation in Woronoco.

This fall and winter, the boys will be working on projects in technology, physical skills, community involvement, mental skills, and outdoor activities that will help them in and out of school. And they'll have fun doing it!

Cub Scout Pack 75 is chartered by Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and is always interested in accepting new boys and interested parents into scouting. Stop by the parish social center any Wednesday night between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. to see what's going on.



CUB SCOUTS FROM TROOP 75 practice some rules about water and boat safety.

T-Shirt Sale Being Held By Scouts From Sacred Heart Troop 75

Boy Scout Troop 75 will hold a "T-Shirt Sale" on Sunday, October 12th from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Feeding Hills.

Sale items will include t-shirts, sweatshirts, wallets, pocketbooks, hats, children's wear, and more.

Proceeds will be used for Troop 75 outdoor activities.

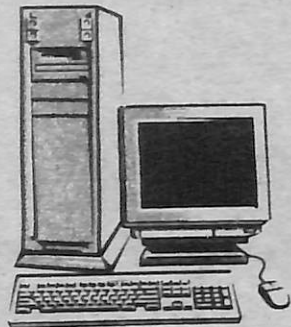
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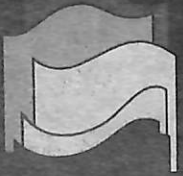
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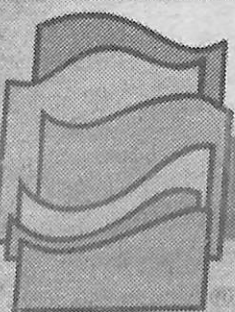
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Creative Writers At Agawam High Unleashing Flood Of Poetry

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Ask most people what was the most dreaded assignment ever given to them by an English teacher, and you're more than likely to hear that writing poetry was pretty much universally feared by students.

But, you won't get that answer from one Agawam High School English teacher and the 39 students enrolled in her creative writing course last spring.

Using techniques she learned in a summer school class two years ago, Sandy Hines was able to break down the kids' fears and unleash a flood of poetry.

Mrs. Hines said the amount and quality of the poetry her students produced so impressed Dean of Students Bernadette Conte, she assisted the two classes in gathering their works into two spiral bound volumes.

Last month, Mrs. Hines and a group of her students presented "Rhymes and Reasons" and "Poetree" to the School Committee.

AHS senior John Szymczyk said he used his own life experiences, good or bad, as the basis for his poetry. "I learned how to put my emotions on paper and it didn't matter to me if I passed or failed because I learned that emotions can't be graded."

Make Things Better

Also drawing on her own life experiences, senior Stefanie Karam said she was motivated to put her emotions into words with the hope that her poetry could make things better for other people.

Mrs. Hines said a course in modern poetics with Springfield College Adjunct Professor Teresa M. Pfeifer turned into a one-on-one mentoring

situation devoted to helping her develop and grow as both a poet and a teacher.

Using Professor Pfeifer's technique of writing poetry backwards (beginning the process by writing an essay or a journal entry and then turning the prose work into poetry), Mrs. Hines produced more than double the amount of work required for the course.

"I worked eight hours a day reading and writing essays and poems for the months of July and August (1996) and I loved every minute of it," Mrs. Hines said. "It was very good to give the kids that same enthusiasm."

Rather than organizing the creative writing class into a typical lecture class, Mrs. Hines had the students working in teams to edit each others' works and offer encouragement during the writing process. "It was a very healthy way for the students to get their feelings out," Mrs. Hines said.

Dedicated To Mrs. Frances Julie Stone

"Poetree" is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Frances Julie Stone, teacher, poet, mother of Mrs. Hines and six sons, who passed away on July 9th, 1995.

Production credits for "Poetree" include title and cover design by Mike Sullivan; cover execution by John Szymczyk; artist; Jenn Cascio; booklet organization, Aimee LaBaff and Andy Pond; booklet organization and think tank, Kristina Lascala and Nicole Vincze.

Production credits for "Rhymes and Reasons" include title page execution by Amanda Bryars; title page design, Lauren Welsh; booklet organization, Joella Raiche; and booklet organization assistant, Eric Melbourne.



POETIC JUSTICE AT AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL, from left - faculty member Sandra Hines, Nicole Molbury, Erik Schlagel, Derek Lajeunesse, John Szymczyk, Stefanie Karam, Kristina Lascala, and Nikki Vincze. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 13th: No school (Columbus Day).

Tuesday, October 14th: Cheese-topped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled peaches, milk.

Wednesday, October 15th: Hamburg patty in roll, steamed rice, seasoned niblet corn, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday, October 16th: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven potato wedges with catsup, mustard, relish, chilled diced pears, milk.

Friday, October 17th: Roast turkey with whipped potatoes and gravy, seasoned carrots, whole wheat bread and butter, chocolate oatmeal bar, milk.

AHS Class Of 1972 To Hold 25th Reunion On November 28th

Agawam High School's class of 1972 will hold its 25-year reunion on November 28, 1997 at Alexander's in Feeding Hills.

If you know the addresses of any of the following missing classmates, please contact Diana Hopkins at 108 Monroe Street, Agawam, MA 01001:

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Timothy LeDoux Inducted Into Honor Society

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Fiat Lux, named for Clark's illuminating motto, "Let There Be Light," is an honor and service society that recognizes a group of outstanding seniors for excellence in two areas: scholarship and citizenship. Each semester, the members of Fiat Lux organize service projects on the Clark campus, and every member also performs at least 10 hours of individual community service. This year, 37 seniors have been elected for membership in Fiat Lux.

LeDoux, an international development and government and international relations major, is the son of Diane and Fred LeDoux.

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Substance Abuse Topic Of Program At Jr. High On Oct. 20th

Wendy Bradley-Terwilliger, the Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator at Agawam Junior High School, will host a parents' meeting on October 20th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This meeting is intended for parents, guardians, and concerned adults who supervise children. The presentation will address the issue of DRUG AND ALCOHOL use among our children. Our children ages 11 through 14 are drinking and drugging. In fact, 30 percent of eighth graders report drinking in the last four weeks!!

The program has three goals: 1) to raise adult awareness of underage drinking during the junior high years; 2) to help adults understand the importance of their roles in preventing the problem and to motivate them to take action; and 3) to provide common sense strategies and practical communication tips that parents and adults can use with children.

You may read this announcement and say, "I don't need to attend, my child isn't involved with that stuff." BUT, our children are exploring and experimenting every day. Come and gain knowledge! We can't do this alone!!

Feel free to bring grandparents, friends, aunts, uncles, babysitters, etc.

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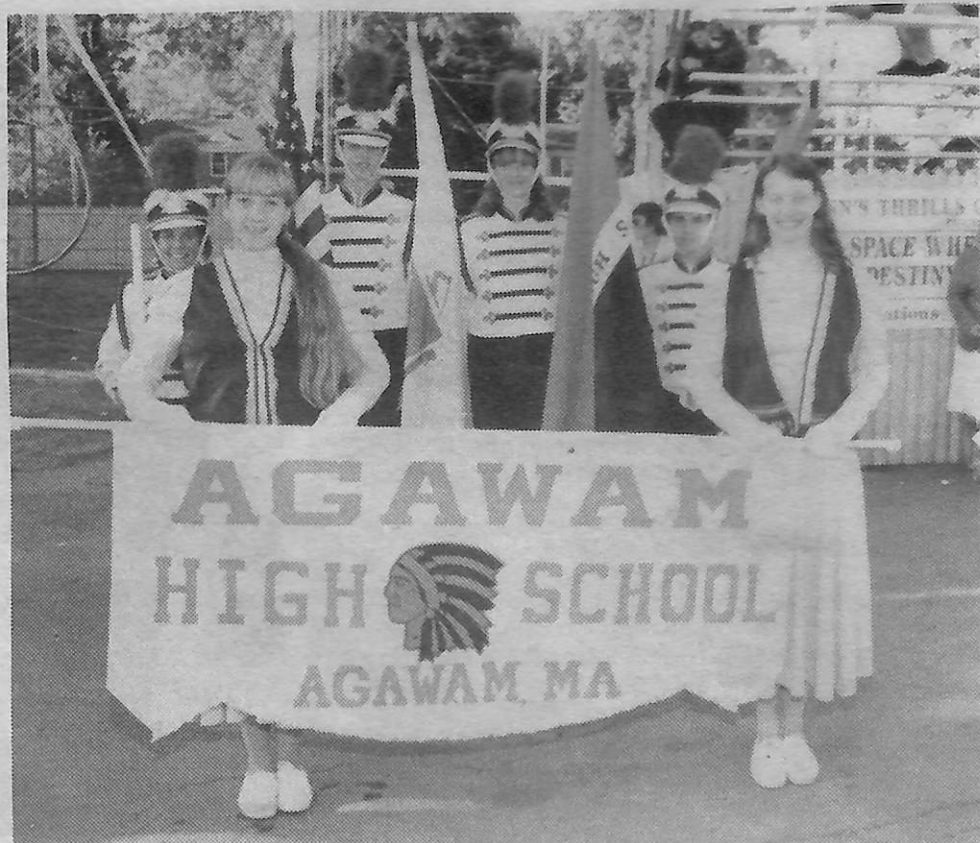
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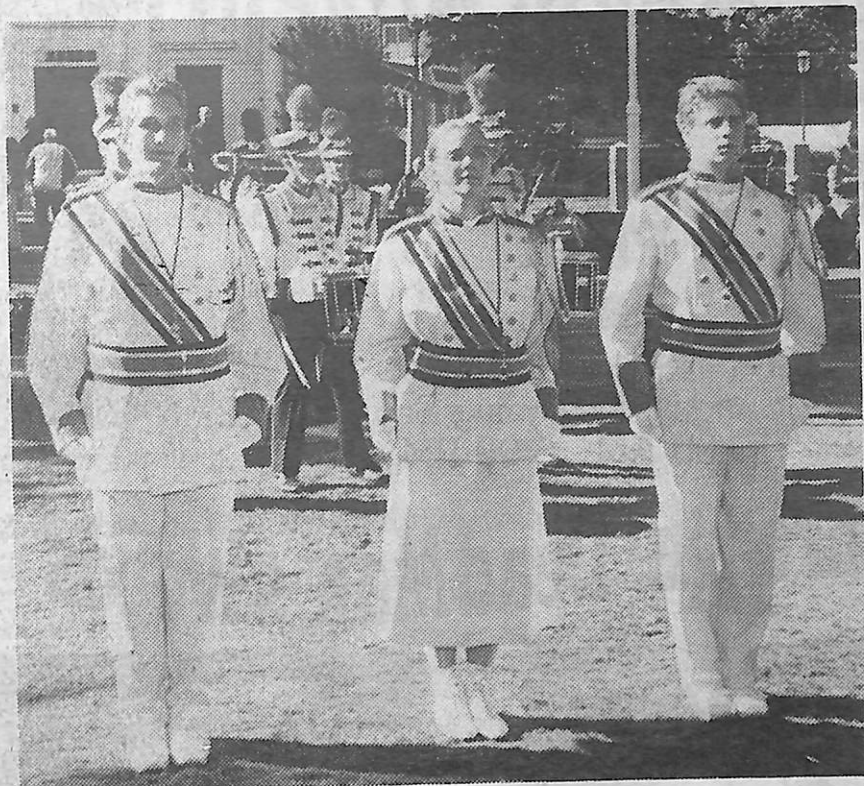
Agawam High Marching Mohawks....



“Mawaga,” the Marching Mohawks mascot, with Mayor Christopher Johnson at The Big E on Agawam Day — Wednesday, September 24th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Honor Guard members Robin Przybyla, Danielle Bordeau, Chris Trevethan, Vanessa Januska, Jim Borowiec, and Katie McDougal. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Drum Majors Mario Santillo, Jenn Smist, and Geoff Krapf are ready to perform at The Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Drum Line members Nathan Meade, Ryan Stack, Chris Trevethan, Donald Berthiaume, Angela Gontczaruk, and Brian Gross. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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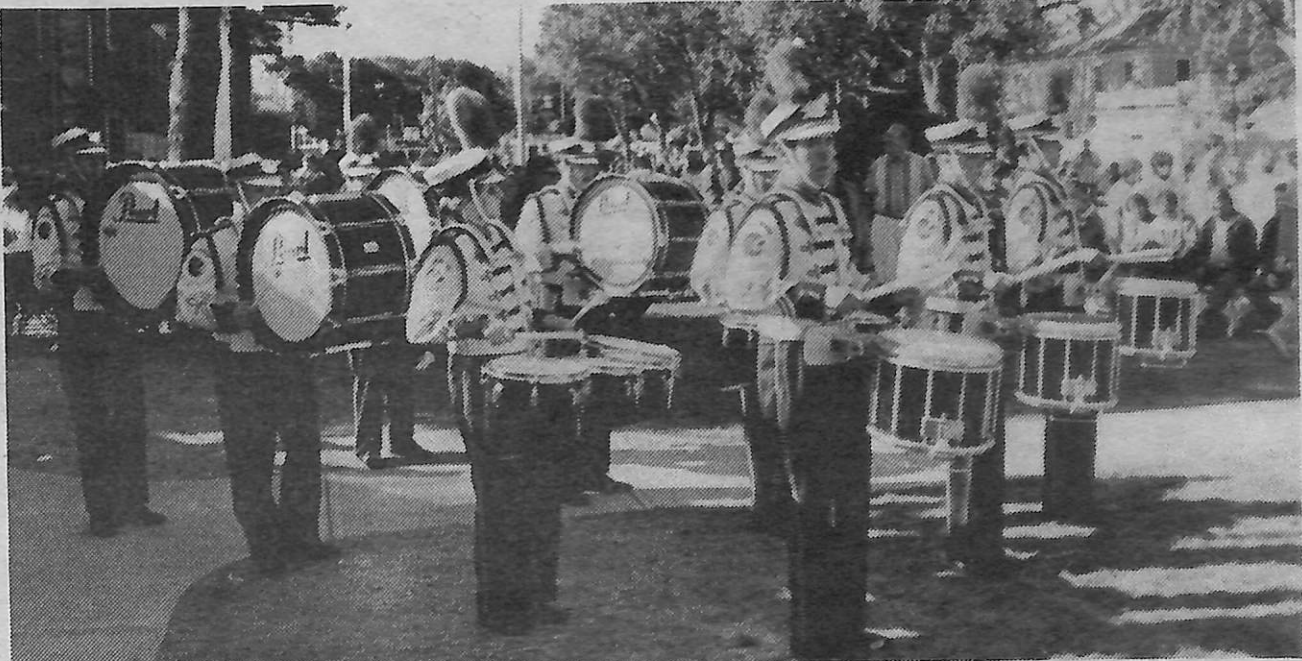
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Drum Line members Brian Gross, Mark Berthiaume, Tony Albro, Angela Gontczaruk, Pete Drewniak, Donald Berthiaume, Nathan Meade, Ryan Stack, and Chris Trevethan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



The AHS Marching Mohawks Color Guard in action. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Sports

For First Victory Of The Season...

Brownies Football Shoot Down Minnechaug Falcons, 35-20

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Saturday at Minnechaug Regional, the Agawam High football team did a double dip into that sweet concoction called success. First, they beat the Falcons, 35-20, for their first win of the year. Secondly, they avenged their embarrassing defeat of a year ago, a defeat which never should have happened.

They should cut up the game ball for this one and give a piece of it to every Brownie defender. Because, even though the offense scored 27 of the 35 points, the defense — by virtue of an 88-yard touchdown off an interception, a safety, a fumble recovery, a quarterback KO, and three sacks — set the tone for the day.

Moreover, the Agawam defensive lineplay of Eric Pederson, Mike Lovely, George Graves, Ryan Wilson, Chris Gaffney, and Norm Gagne was positively nasty. That down and dirty group was in quarterback Mike McCloskey's face on more than one occasion before they showed him the door early in the second half.

"We really concentrated on our pass rush and playing physically on defense all week in practice," Brownie Coach Dean Vecchiarelli beamed later.

We could go on and on. The Brownie secondary was up against it. They were about to meet a high-powered passing offense, minus two talented seniors, Andy St. Jean (dislocated shoulder) and Eric Melbourne. It was a gut check performance with some textbook coverage (for the most part) on some pretty good Minnechaug receivers. Brownies Ian Lane, Mike Wign, Mike O'Connor, and linebacker Marc Pedraza deserve a bit of that game ball.

Despite the outcome, the game started off for the Brownies much in the same way as their first two contests — with the other guys scoring first in the first quarter. This one was particularly quick, however. Falcon running back Dan Farrell went for 80 yards and the touchdown with only 27 seconds gone in the game. The run for two was no good.

The way things have been going for this team lately, both on and off the field, it would not have been too farfetched to think they were going to check out early.

AHS's First Lead Of The Season...

Instead, with 1:30 gone and second and eight on their own 43, sophomore signal caller Brian St. Jean (7-9, 113 yards, 2 TDs, 2 int.) hooked up with wideout Mike Wing (2-82, 2 TDs) on a fly pattern down the right side, which resulted in a 53-yard score. Tony Planzo's extra point put Agawam up, 7-6. It was the first time they'd led a football game this season. That would soon change.

Minnechaug scored at the 4:58 mark on a McCloskey one-yard sneak to go up 12-7 after they blew the two-point conversion. The quarter ended, 12-7, Falcons.

At 10:03 of the second quarter, tailback Brian Gallagher (32-108; passing, 1-1, 25, 1 TD; 1 rec, 9 yards) showed why he is so valuable to the team. Up to that point he had been hammering away, behind his tough offensive line, with pile driver runs over and around the Falcon defenders. They had become slightly gun shy.

So, when St. Jean pitched out to him on a third

and five at their own 25, everyone was thinking run. Instead, on an option, Gallagher feathered a pass to a wide open Wing for the TD. Planzo's point after made it 14-12, Agawam.

At 8:21, the Agawam defense, which had been digging in deeper than an Alabama tick and came hard on every play like someone had set its butts on fire, made another mistake. According to Vecchiarelli, they had called for a blitz. Wing, at left corner, came up. Receive Jeff Moss went uncovered. McCloskey found him and then Moss went in for a 48-yard score. The two-pointer was good, giving Minnechaug a 20-14 margin.

With 8:12 left in the half and the ball on its 24, Agawam went on a 13-play, 76-yard drive, highlighted by a nine-yard screen pass to Gallagher and a 10-yard run by the big junior. It culminated in a nine-yard rumble off left tackle by fullback Vinnie Curto. Another Planzo kick gave the Brownies a 21-20 lead.

The half ended that way.

Agawam could do nothing on its first possession of the second half. The Falcons took over on downs at their own 44. McCloskey was firing away as he always does. But the Brownie "D" backs were not intimidated. They tried to pick on Wing, but that was a mistake. The 5'8", 155-pound senior was taking on the 6'1", 180-pound Jeff Moss and shutting him down. First he swatted a ball away, then Moss, frustrated at the stickiness of Wing, pushed him on another pass incompleting, resulting in a Falcon penalty.

On third and 22 at the Agawam 49, McCloskey faded back and completed a pass over the middle for a first down at the Brownie 16. A split second after he launched, McCloskey was mauled by a battalion of Brownies, led by Darrell Malachowski, George Graves, and others.

McCloskey lay on the grass, clutching his left leg. It was obvious something down there was hurting (his ankle). They carried the gunner off (10-20, 159 yards, 1 TD). He would not resurface in competition for the duration of the day.

Trouble For The New Signal Caller...

The new signal caller got into trouble right away. He was intercepted by junior linebacker Mike O'Connor on the right flat. O'Connor, showing some serious speed for a 'backer, ran it back for an 84-yard TD. The two-point run didn't work. But the Brownies led anyway, 27-20. And you could almost sense the flying Falcons were headed for a crash landing. Without the Magic of McCloskey, they would score no more.

The fourth quarter saw Minnechaug marching backwards. After an Agawam fumble on its opening possession, the Falcons were pinned on their own six-yard line. Two penalties saw them suddenly facing a second and 14 on the one-yard line. In a big hole, and in essence without a ladder, they tried to run out of it. Eric Pederson made the tackle in the endzone for the safety and a 29-20 lead at the 9:20 mark.

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Great AHS Team Of 1957 Reuniting For 40th Reunion

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

This Saturday, October 11th, the 1957 Agawam High football team will hold their 40th reunion at the Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills. Arguably, the 1957 team was perhaps one of the best ever in the 69 years the Brownies have played varsity football. That season saw them go through their opposition like a combine through a wheat field, mowing down everyone on the way to an 8-0 league record, 8-1 overall, and continued the school's four-decade mastery over Western Mass. football.

Though only 35 kids showed up that year to play for the legendary Harry Leonardi (in his second year), the talent they possessed was awesome. It read like a who's who of not only Agawam, but Western Mass. football. They included running backs Jim 'Turk' Bruno, Dick Glogowski, Pete Schindler, and quarterback Ed Modzelewski. They were complemented by an offensive line which dominated all before them - Joe Radwilowicz, Joe Voislow, Joe Rinaldi, Bruce Cobb, Bob Broggi, Fred Uschmann, Frank Kinsley, and Butch Dallio.

This group simply put the fear of God into people, while the backs roared through the holes they opened and the people they flattened like avenging angels.

Different Style Of Football

Remember, in those days it was a different style of football practiced by Leonardi - a grim and brutal war waged in the trenches and dominated by bulldozer running backs. The '57 Brownies raised the battle to an art form, holding the brush in a fist while they boldly stroked their performances onto the green canvas of the gridiron.

They didn't just beat their victims. They beat them up. Witness the mayhem: Westfield (40-6), Chicopee (51-0), Greenfield (33-12), Holyoke (34-6), Cathedral (24-6). They stood at 5-0 going into their game on November 9th against 4-0 Springfield Tech. A win by either team would grab a tie for the conference crown. Schindler tied it just before half-time (13-all) to give the Brownies a boost. Agawam came out in the second half and scored 18 unanswered points behind the running of Bruno (20 carries, 159 yards, and two TD's) off 80 yards on 18 yards. They amassed 336 total rushing yards to Tech's 174 in the 31-13 victory.

Their next game was against archrival West Springfield. The 4-2 Terriers had beaten the Brownies the year before, clinching the conference crown for themselves. No one could have possibly foreseen what fate the Agawam offense and the Agawam defense had in store for them when the Terriers came calling on November 17th at Harmon Smith Field.

On To The Western Mass. Crown

Bruno ran for four touchdowns. Schindler had a 58-yard romp to paydirt. The Brownies rolled up 369 yards on the ground on the way to rolling up

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL GRIDIRON scoring champs of yesteryear, from left - John Schinelli, Joe Pisano, and Jim "Turk" Bruno (174 points in 1957).



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Agawam's final score came off a Falcon fumble (recovered by Agawam's O'Connor) at the Minnechaug six. Curto (7-32, 1 TD, 1-1 rec, 2 yds., 1 TD) sneaked into the flat and caught a two-yard TD toss from St. Jean for his second score of the game. The kick was blocked.

Minnechaug's last gasp came with 5:30 left. Matt Livermore took a pass on the Minnechaug 25, and took off. But St. Jean, the only man with a chance, shoe-top tackled him at the Agawam 48. On the next play, a fumble recovered by Pedraza plucked off what feathers the Falcons had left.

The game was the AA Conference opener for both teams. Agawam goes to 1-2. Minnechaug is 1-3. Agawam hosts Holyoke this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. at Harmon Smith Field.

BROWNIE NOTES: Brian Gallagher had his second straight 100-yard game. Three Agawam sacks by Malachowski (his second of the year), Pedraza (his second), and Ryan Wilson give them five in three games. O'Connor's interception was the first of the season for the defense. Tony Planzo went 3-4 in extra point tries.

AGAWAM STATS

RUSHING: Gallagher — 38-108 (2.8 ypc); Curto — 7-32 (4.5 ypc), 1 TD; Wing — 1-12; St. Jean — 1-6.

PASSING: St. Jean — 7-13, 113 yards (16.1), 2 TDs, 2 int., long, 57 yards; Gallagher — 1-1, 25 yards, 1 TD.

RECEIVING: Wing — 2-82, 2 TDs, long, 57; Pedraza — 3-31, long, 11; Daigneau — 1-14; Gallagher — 1-9; Curto — 1-2, 1 TD.



AGAWAM HIGH BROWNIES show-off their hardware, from left - Ray Ferrero, Joe Voislow, Coach Harry Leonardi, Jim "Turk" Bruno, and Dick Glogowski.

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the Terriers, 54-0, for the Western Mass. crown. They would play two more games after that. On November 24th, they lost a non-conference game to Archbishop Williams.

On Thanksgiving day, they beat Holyoke Catholic. Bruno ran for five touchdowns, ending the season with 176 points, thus breaking the Western Mass. scoring record of 152, then held by another Brownie great, Joe Pisano. That record of Bruno's was only broken in 1995.

Ed Modzelewski of Agawam, now the Athletic Director at East Longmeadow High School, is part of the committee responsible for the reunion. He remembers the team as one of great talent and camaraderie. He said the group was as good in the classroom as they were on the field. "Eighteen of us made the honor roll that year," he smiled.

College scouts flocked to their games and came away impressed. Helped by their ability to hit the books as well as the opposition, many of the '57 Brownies went on to higher education.

Bruno and Modzelewski (who was a junior in 1957) attended the University of Miami. Glogowski landed at Boston College and later transferred to AIC. Voislow traveled out to the University of New Mexico. Wideout Bob Broggi went to UMass. Uschmann, Rinaldi, and Dallio went to Springfield College, Westfield State, and St. Michael's, respectively. Defensive standout Tony Klenakis attended the University of Nevada. His linemate, Walt McCarthy, ended up at AIC.

The turnout looks good for the reunion. "We expect 35 former players will show up. Of the original 35 on the varsity roster, 25 will be there. Five have died over the years," Modzelewski said. It was hoped but not certain if Leonardi will attend. He now resides on Cape Cod.

They'll be coming from all points of the compass. Some might even attend the Agawam-Holyoke game Friday night at Harmon Smith Field to relive a memory or two.

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Quigley, Patterson Lead AHS Girls Past Westfield, 2-1

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Westfield High came calling at Harmon Smith Field Monday night in the form of their girls' and boys' soccer teams. The two-night doubleheader saw the Brownies come away with a sweep, 2-1 on both counts.

The girls went first and got the visitor's attention almost from the get-go, as senior Kristen Patterson set up a direct kick and blasted it in with a little over two minutes gone for her 17th of the season.

Locals Continue To Pressure The Opposition

The Brownies continued to put pressure on the Bombers for most of the first half. They featured some good dribbling and crisp passing when they mounted their attacks. Among those putting on the show were Barbara Maloni, Heather Arcangeletti, and Jill DeMarco. At the 21:27 mark, Agawam almost had another goal. Maloni, helped out by Amanda Tilden and Melissa Cote, worked the ball in front of the Bomber goal. Maloni had the shot and took it. The ball sailed just over the crossbar. A foot lower and it's in.

They almost got one five minutes later on a pass from Patterson to Gina Loudfoot 30 yards in front. Loudfoot shot. The ball rebounded off Westfield keeper Julie Arroyo. Maloni was waiting 20 feet away on the right flank. She drilled the ball into Arroyo's chest.

As the half wore on, Westfield began to come on. With six minutes to go, Agawam keeper Jen Quigley was tested. A Bomber forward found a hole on the right side of the Brownie defense. The shot was a 30-foot frozen rope, headed for the far left hand corner of the goal. Quigley, displaying her athleticism, stretched and went parallel to make one of the 16 saves she would record that evening in perhaps her best performance of the season.

Westfield had one final offensive thrust just before the horn wailed. It was turned back by some tough 'D' courtesy of sweeper Sheri Benton, with help from Kara Tierney, DeMarco, and Katie Shannon. Agawam took a 1-0 lead into the inter-



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS OF THE Agawam High School girls' varsity soccer team, from left - Amy Mastroianni, Camilla Ringvold, Vanessa Galluzzo, Amber Conte, Kristen Patterson, Jen Quigley, Jill DeMarco, Heather Arcangeletti, Julie LaFlamme, and Aimee Loudfoot. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

mission.

Agawam had five shots on goal in the first 40 minutes. Westfield turned in six.

Westfield must have gotten a tongue lashing from Coach Phil Lanier during the break. They came out markedly more aggressive than they had been earlier. But the Agawam offense, always aggressive, especially with the likes of Patterson patrolling the territory around the goalmouth, made more of their chances than did the Bombers. With 5:30 gone, Patterson struck again for her second goal of the game and her 18th of the season. This one came out of a gang fight 30 feet to the right of the Westfield net. A nice little dish-off got an assist for Dianna DiStefano.

At the 26:12 mark, Patterson got open and lifted a shot from 50 feet out on the right wing. It hit the crossbar, in a spot that keeper Arroyo could never have covered if it had been a foot lower.

The Brownie defense, led by Benton and Vanessa Galluzzo, was playing well. But there was no way they were going to stop the Bombers from

getting their goal at the 14:53 mark. Sophomore Karlie Wheeler took a pass on the right wing and with a skillful display of dribbling took the ball past one Brownie, to the middle, where she split two more defenders, and closed to within 30 feet. Her shot was right on and into the high left hand corner. Quigley had no chance. The margin had been cut. Agawam's lead shriveled to 2-1.

Gut Check Performance

Westfield was pumped now. With just under 11 minutes to play, Quigley came up with a big save off a drive from 20 feet out, dead center. She made another acrobatic effort five minutes later. The Bombers were forcing her to step up. She answered with a gut check performance to preserve the victory.

It ended 2-1, Brownies. At that point, their record rose to 6-3-1. It was also a Kurty Division contest, which saw them improve there to 2-1.

Agawam had six second-half shots for a game total of 11. Westfield managed 10 for a total of 16.

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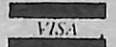
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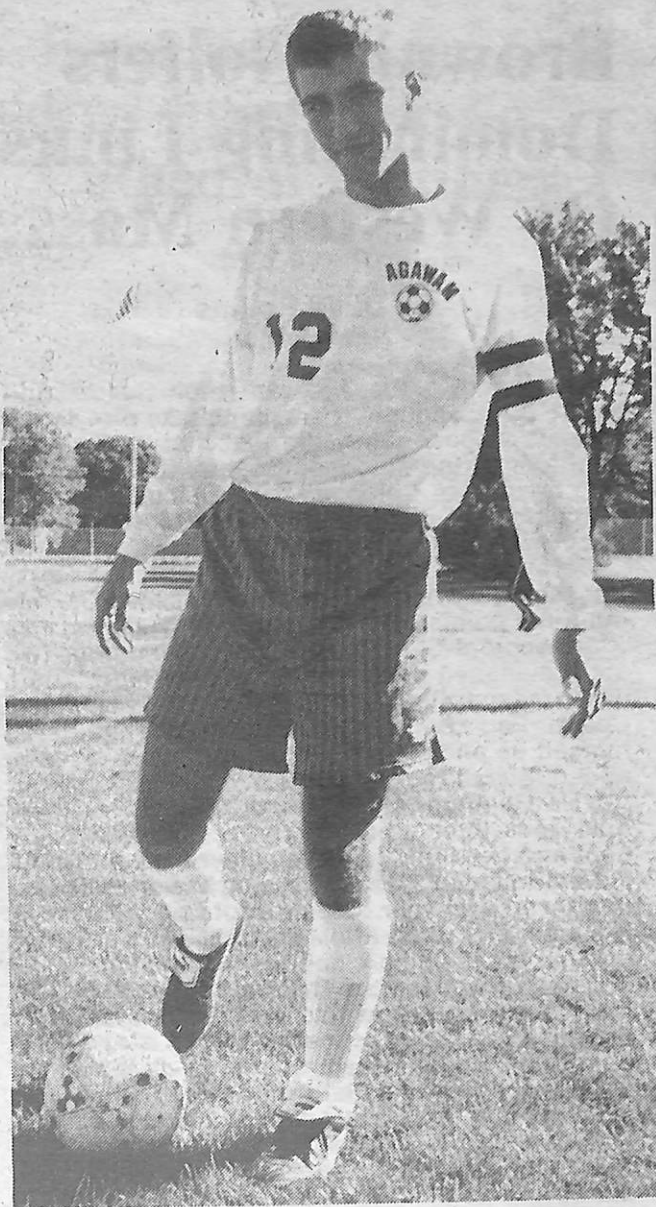
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Late Goal By Thomas Lifts AHS Past Westfield Soccer Team, 2-1

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor



AHS JUNIOR Dave Thomas scored the game-winner vs. Westfield on Monday night. Advertiser

News photo by Dave Rollins.

On Monday evening at balmy Harmon Smith Field, the Agawam High boys' soccer team beat the Westfield High Bombers, 2-1.

This one had a little more drama than the varsity girls' battle, played just before.

They were coming off two straight losses, including that 1-0 heartbreaker to Cathedral that had seen their record dip to 5-4-1. They stood 3-1 in the Churchill-Moriarty Division. Westfield, a denizen of the division, staggered in at 1-5-3 and 1-2-1. They were thinking upset. It almost happened, save for a savior they hadn't counted on - Agawam keeper Bryan O'Quinn.

The Brownies, hoping for the defensive effort they conjured up against Cathedral, got offensive early on. Jay Murphy, Barry Ward, and Dave Thomas led the attack. Dave Federico and Brian Machos were also intense. This was good end-to-end soccer, with both teams on the fly.

At the 12:40 mark, Thomas took a header off a corner kick. It hit the crossbar dead in the middle of the goal. It was one of those shots that, had it been a foot lower, would have been a goal.

The Agawam defense, through the first 20 minutes, was forcing Westfield to take shots beyond the percentage range. O'Quinn could have been semi-conscious in the goalmouth and still stop those marshmallows.

Westfield did get off one rocket at the 17:13 mark. It came out of a crowd, 30 feet to the left of the Brownie goal. It scrambled into the low left corner to put them up 1-0.

For the rest of the half, they played midfield soccer. Intermission saw it 1-0, Bombers. It was obvious from the way they strutted to the sidelines that they felt their butts were firmly placed in the driver's seat.

Agawam had 10 shots on goal. Westfield managed nine.

A Different Second Half

The second half showed, for Agawam at least,

what can happen when the lines of communication are open and people have confidence in each other as well as in their abilities. Ten minutes into the second half, O'Quinn changed his attire. His number 14 on a blue and gold jersey became emblazoned on a white Agawam battle jersey. He transformed himself from the last line of defense to the first line of defense.

"Coach (Dwight Northrup) asked me at halftime if I could score on these guys. I told him I could," O'Quinn said. Northrup added this, "Bryan is one of the best field players in Western Massachusetts."

Backup keeper Gary Mantolesky came in to guard the gates.

This was no gamble. With 19 minutes left, Agawam scored. It came off a corner. O'Quinn got it and half-kicked and half-bodied it in. Midfielder Joe DiVirgilio got the assist. It stood at one all. The faithful, along with the Brownie bench, went ballistic. They appreciated what they saw. Too many times people who don't really know what it is all about accuse coaches of making bad decisions and players for making bad plays.

This was the perfect strategy at this time. Mantolesky was tough in goal, turning away two big Bomber testers. All the Brownies needed was a break, or at least a breakdown in the Westfield defense. Both came with 6:29 left. O'Quinn saw Dave Thomas with his back to the Bomber goal. He lifted a shot to Thomas, who is one of the premier header guys on the team. He caught the ball smack on his gourd and back-snapped it in. It was the margin of victory.

O'Quinn went back into goal after that. The deal was done. Westfield tried one last gasp thrust. Ryan Grealis, Rick Rodriguez, Jay Flood, Machos, and Dave Thomas shut them down.

In this game, which showed soccer strategy at its best, Agawam had nine shots on goal for a total of 18. Westfield had four for a total of 13.

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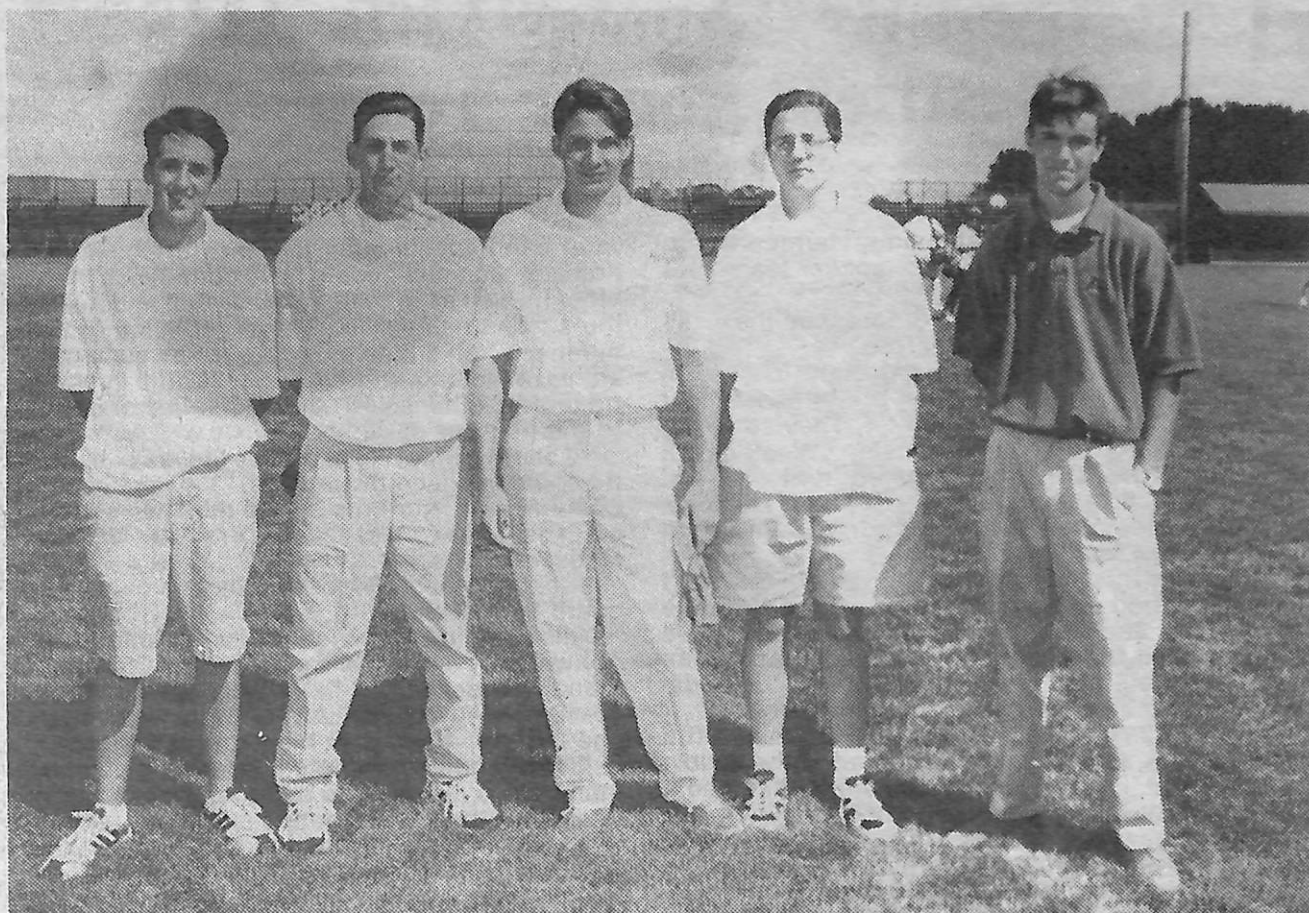
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SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High School varsity golf team, from left - Kyle Gendron, Bob Bousquet, Ryan Progulske, Jon Couture, and Brian Beglane. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Strong Purple Knight Football Team Storming Into Agawam Friday Night

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last year, Agawam High football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli felt the Holyoke High game was the turning point of their season. They'd gone into Roberts Field 0-3. At the half, the Brownies trailed, 21-3. They ended up losing, 28-23.

"The second half of that game and the way we outplayed a very good football team showed all of us that we could get the job done," Vecchiarelli remembers. They did get the job done, winning five of their last six to finish at 5-5.

On Friday night, Holyoke will be at Harmon Smith Field. The 3-1 Purple Knights will bring much firepower with them. Among the folks the Brownies will have to defend: quarterback Matt Guenette (45-80, 762 yards, 11 TDs); wideout Jaime Athas (four TDs); and Rafael Santos (five TDs). Along with their air attack, they'll see tailback David Guzman (five rushing TDs, 1 TD reception) and fullback Marcus Humber (two TDs).

Vecchiarelli noted that Guenette, while not as good as Mike McCloskey (the Minnechaug shooter they faced last week), will be a problem. "We'll have to be physical against them the way we were against Minnechaug," he said. Last week, the Brownies knocked McCloskey out of the game early in the second half. "I hear he's out for the season," the coach noted.

Holyoke runs out of a variety of offensive sets. "They'll go to the 'I' formation, split backs, and no backs. They are a tough challenge for a defense," Vecchiarelli admitted.

He noted that Humber is a lot like Agawam running back Brian Gallagher (only not as tall). "He is about 5'8" and 190 pounds, and is built like a fireplug. He gets their tough yards and sets up the pass."

When Holyoke Passes...

When Holyoke passes, they'll go short, middle, and deep, with look-ins, curls, a hitch-and-go here and there, and assorted posts and flies. It will be another gut check for the Agawam secondary, depleted by injuries and other problems. Last week, junior linebacker Mike O'Connor stepped in and stepped up (one interception for a TD, one fumble recovery). "We need that effort from everyone on defense for this one," Vecchiarelli said.

The Purple Knights play a 4-4 on defense. "They put a tremendous amount of pressure on an offense. They blitz all over the place. Our line will have to meet them and beat them if we want to have any offense at all."

"We'll have to concentrate on stopping their running game first, then defend against the pass," Vecchiarelli noted.

The difference might be the home field advantage, as it was for Holyoke last season when Agawam was all over them in the second half.

The two teams haven't played any common opponents this year. It will be an AA Conference game. Both teams are 1-0 in the Double A (Agawam, 35-20 over Minnechaug; Holyoke, 34-20 over Westfield).

Brownie Golfers Dominating Links Of Western Mass.

by Dave Rollins
News Editor

How good is the Agawam High School golf team? Good enough, it seems to take on two opponents at once. They did just that on Tuesday afternoon at the Chicopee Country Club in a dual match against Chicopee and Chicopee Comp, whipping both of them, 16-2 and 13-5, respectively.

Defending Western Mass champ Chris Rousseau, playing at number one, shot a 36, taking three points each from his two rivals.

Sophomore Shawn Biebel, in the number two spot, managed a 46. The score was high. There was a reason why. "Shawn shot a 10 on one hole," Coach Paul Bachini noted. "But he gathered himself up and played well after that," the coach added. Biebel took 5½ points.

Kyle Gendron, going out of the number three hole, took three points from his Chicopee opponent and two from the Comp player. He shot a 44.

Bob Bousquet, at number four, had a 46. He was nine over after four holes, according to Bachini. He was one over after that, which was good enough to take all six points in his match.

Brownies Had The Match Won...

By then, the Brownies had the match won. Freshman Andy Green came in with a 40 for six points. "Andy has been a very steady player for us. He was our medalist in the last two matches we played, with a 38 at Amherst and a 35 against Minnechaug," Bachini said.

Bill Gensheimer, in the seventh spot, shot a 49, taking 1½ points. "That score isn't indicative of the way Billy can play. Sometimes, in golf, it just isn't your day," the coach said.

Bachini also noted that his team didn't play all that well Tuesday afternoon. But they obviously have enough talent to carry the day, even when they're having a bad one.

They now stand at 16-1; the same record they had last spring with 17 games played. They have a big one next Tuesday at Elmcrest Country Club against East Longmeadow. "That match will probably decide who is the league champion," Bachini said. The locals defeated East Longmeadow in September.

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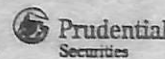
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Brownies Under Gun In 1-0 Setback To Cathedral Panthers

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Sports can sometimes be exhilarating, sometimes boring, and sometimes cruel.

The Agawam High-Cathedral High boys' soccer game on Thursday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field was not boring. The 1-0 Panther win had the other two qualities like you read about. There was never a dull moment. The Brownies, by virtue of a tenacious, opportunistic, and at times, desperate defense, kept the Western Mass. champs at bay for 71 minutes and 50 seconds, before the Panthers scored at the 9:10 mark of the second half off a corner kick.

What made that defense even more outstanding was the fact that most of the game, the vaunted Cathedral offense carried was at midfield or in the Brownie zone.

A Cruel Blow

The cruel part was indeed the 1-0 loss. The Brownies, playing against the state finalists, who had beaten them in the Division I title game last November, had only a handful of scoring opportunities. The best came with 12 minutes to go in the first half. A throw in from Jay Flood prompted Purple Panther keeper Marty Downey to come 15 yards out of his goal and into a crowd. The ball slid between his hands and into a tangle of legs and feet not more than 15 feet from the goalmouth. Several Brownies had a go at it. But as fate would have it, the better team, at least on paper, dodged the bullet by flailing a little more than the opposition, thus driving the ball far away and thus, out of harm's way.

That score came off one of the many corners and throw-ins Cathedral attempted that afternoon. All proceeding and ensuing attempts had been and were turned away by Flood, Dave Thomas (who bageled the top scorer in Division I, Ian McVeigh, allowing him zero points), Ryan Grealis, Jack Bisco, Brian Machos, Joe DiVirgilio, Rich Rodriguez, and others.

Of the balls not intercepted or blocked, keeper Bryan O'Quinn turned back 15 of 16, some on acrobatic and instinctive saves which put his ability on display. On this one, though, a little misdirection off a back kick fooled even O'Quinn.

Coach Dwight Northrup had nothing but praise for his team after it was over, calling the defensive effort one of the best he had ever seen as varsity soccer coach at AHS.

The Brownies fell to 5-4-1. Cathedral, without a doubt the favorite for another Western Mass. crown, went to 8-0-1. If things other than positive feelings concerning their defense came out of this one, it was the fact that it was an independent game. So they absorbed no damage there, staying at 4-1 in the Churchill-Moriarty Division.

Brownies Play Well But Frustrated By Longmeadow Girls, 2-Zip

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

It seems every team has another that is forever hanging around their necks like an albatross. For example, the Patriots have the Denver Broncos. The Red Sox have every team in the American League. Get the picture? Well, the Agawam High girls' soccer team has Longmeadow.

On Tuesday night, the Lancers showed up at Harmon Smith Field and bageled the Brownies, 2-0. Both teams were pretty close record-wise. Agawam came in at 5-3-1. The Lancers carried a 5-4 slate. Talent-wise, of course, Agawam has Kristen Patterson. The Lancers countered with Katie Heaps. The Brownies had 32 total goals. Longmeadow had 24. On defense, the Brownies had allowed 17, while the Lancers had let 10 hit the back of the net.

For the first half, things were about as even as they could get. It was end-to-end soccer. Both teams had scoring opportunities. But a combination of good goaltending or a shot just off the mark frustrated both offenses.

When the Lancers mounted a drive, they were met by good defensive efforts turned in by Vanessa Galluzzo, Aimee Loudfoot, and Heather Arcangeletti, among others.

With 1:25 left in the first half, Agawam had what was probably its best chance of the game. Patterson, Jen Lyman, Barbara Maloni, and Loudfoot swarmed all over the Lancer net. But their attempts at putting the ball in were thwarted by a desperate effort from the Lancer defenders.

At the half, Agawam had nine shots on net to eight for Longmeadow.

Bad Luck "Bites" The Brownies...

The second half saw bad luck rise up and bite the Brownies. The Lancers were getting aggressive (maybe a little too aggressive). Gina

Loudfoot (who never stops hustling) got off a pass to Patterson on the left point. Patterson had the lane and took the shot. It bounced off the crossbar. Six inches lower, it's in.

One thing was becoming apparent — the Lancers were beginning to outrun the Brownie defenders. "That's what they have over us, team speed at both ends of the field," Coach Mary Murray observed afterward. "You can't teach speed and it's tough to defend."

At 28:43, Longmeadow scored on a throw-in to take a 1-0 lead.

The goal seemed to speed up the visitors a notch or two. They were flying on the wings and at midfield. The Brownie defenders, led by Julie Laflamme, Arcangeletti, and sweeper Sheri Benton, stepped up and met them head on. But the Lancers had momentum on their side. They were also helped out by Agawam's failure to get any breaks. Case in point. Loudfoot and Patterson attempted to pull off the pass play that had almost led to a first-half score. Patterson got the ball again, this time from 15 feet out. She had the corner, but was twisted around so her shot had no mustard on it.

With 7:58 to go, Longmeadow got its second goal.

With 4:40 left, Patterson, Amanda Tilden, and Dianna DiStefano were camped in the box, 20 feet in front of the Lancer net. Each of them had the ball at one time. None could find the lane.

At the 2:32 mark, Patterson left the game, limping. She'd been kicked on the Achilles' tendon of her right foot. Trainer Dave Stratton would later wrap the foot in an ice pack.

Agawam had five second-half shots for a total of 14. Longmeadow turned in nine for a total of 17.

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Junior Varsity & Freshman Sports Updates At AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

FOOTBALL

The Agawam freshman football team whipped the fledgling Falcons last Friday afternoon, 32-16, at Phelps Elementary School. They did it with a disciplined running game and an aggressive, emotional defense.

Minnechaug scored first in the first quarter. After that, it was all Agawam.

Tailback **Justin Santinello** scored twice and recovered a fumble. Wideout **Chris Tendone** scored on a 20-yard end around in the second quarter, which was right out of the textbook.

Tony Liquori had a 43-yard TD run and recovered a Falcon fumble. **Bruce Connor** ran 44 yards for another score.

Other standouts for the young Brownies included **Nick Beaudette** (fumble recovery, interception), **Isidro Aguinaga** (two sacks), and **Lou Conte** (defensive line play). **Darrel Thomas** had some big hits on defense. The freshmen improved their record to 2-0.

In junior varsity football action, the Brownies slaughtered Minnechaug, 22-0, to run their record to 3-0.

BOYS' SOCCER

The JV boys' soccer team lost to Westfield, 4-1. Scoring for the Brownies was **Brian Lopes**. The assist went to **Dave Gallerani**.

GIRLS' SOCCER

The freshman girls' soccer team is now 4-2-1, thanks to its recent victory over Westfield, 2-0.

Coach Mike Dobise singled out sweeper **Lauren Kida**, **Becca Naciewicz**, **Keegan Clark**, and keeper **Laura Bucalo** as some of the reasons why they are doing so well.

Incidentally, the Brownies' four wins to date were all by shutouts.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL girls' junior varsity soccer team. Back row, from left - Kerry McGeoghan, Judy Trevethan, Ali Jackobek, Kaila Larivee, Nikki Reshamwala, Amanda Galluzzo, Jess Dutton, Marie Buendo, Rocky Rodriguez, and Caroline Scherpa. Kneeling - Lauren Kunkler, Jill Gendron, Ann Paquette, Courtney Adamczyk, Amanda "Calabrese" Merola, Kristin "Little Lawson" Lawson, and Kornelia "K" Moysis. Front row - goalie Kaitlen White, Coach Lynda Kunasek, Coach Bayuk, and goalie Jen Lock. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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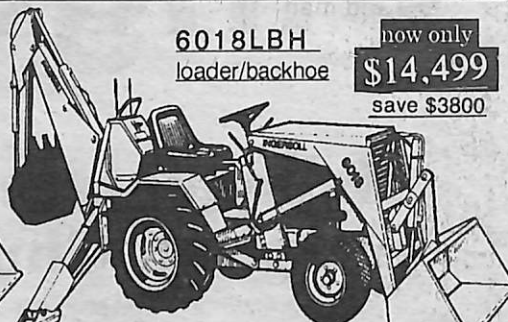
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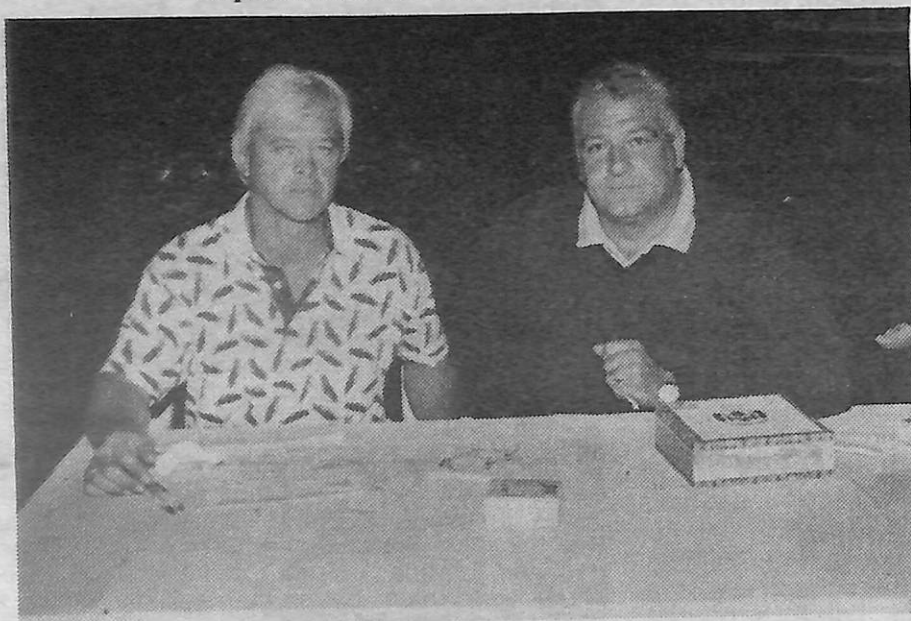
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE SOPHIE STRYCHARZ MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, from left - Mike Drewnowski, Bob Loizzo, Ginny Strycharz, Bill Strycharz, Corey Fisher, Patty Strycharz, and Mono Strycharz. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Pioneer Valley Soccer Round-Up

U-9 Girls - "Twisters"

On Saturday, the Twisters played Longmeadow and came away victorious, 3-0.

Sarah Roos scored the first goal for the game, followed by Megan Lalli and Christina Bertrand.

On Sunday, the Twisters beat Holy Cross, 3-0. The first goal of the game was scored by Stephanie Obue. She followed with the second, with a great assist by Sara Roos. Christina Bertrand scored the third goal.

A great job was done by fullbacks Amy Dulude and Brittany Margiotta, as well as halfbacks Rachel Porkorny and Erin Theriault.

Goalies Michelle Santos and Sarah Wilson saved five shots on goal. Excellent teamwork for the up and coming Agawam girls!

U-10 Girls - "Hot Shots"

On Saturday, October 6th, the Hot Shots played the tough second-place Wilbraham team. This team does very well against the Hot Shots with their passing ability.

In the first half, it didn't seem any different from the other games we've played with them. The Hot Shots just could not get into a smooth running, passing game. Our defense seemed to be too focused on one side of the field. This would leave the other side wide open for any lonely Wilbraham player to just wait for those nice passes.

Finally, one of those lonely players received a pass and worked her way through our defense to score the first goal of the game. The Hot Shots really struggled the first half, but managed to hold Wilbraham in check and ended the half with the dreaded "0" for Agawam, 1 Wilbraham.

During the halftime break, the coaches discussed with the players as to what they needed to do to get back in this game. When the second-half whistle blew, we kept our fingers crossed and waited to see what the first team could do.

Well, at about three minutes into the half, our midfielder stepped up and beat Wilbraham to the ball. She settled the ball and passed it up to our center. The center then found her way through the defense and put in our first goal.

Shortly thereafter, at four minutes, it seemed like a replay of the previous series of plays and our center did it again. This team seemed to finally get the idea that staying in their positions, winning the ball, and passing to open players, really works.

The second half of this game was truly a treat to watch as we finished off Wilbraham for the first time in three seasons with a score of Hot Shots 2, Wilbraham 1. Great work, Hot Shots!

Sunday, October 7th, brought Palmer back to Agawam for the second time this year. The first half of this game seemed to be fairly equal in that both goalies were defending about the same quantity of shots. The same teams used in the previous day's game were back on the field again.

However, Palmer had come a long way since our first meeting and did a good job holding back our offensive lines. The first half ended ... you guessed it, Hot Shots 0, Palmer 0.

Agawam came out in the second half looking for a repeat of the Wilbraham game, but it never seemed to happen. Palmer was here for the challenge and kept the Hot Shots on their toes.

Both teams took turns attacking the goals, with Agawam making the first goal at the 20:00 mark.

Our forwards brought the ball upfield and managed to break away from their defense. A shot at the goal from our center brought their goalie out of the goal, and she couldn't get full control of the ball. The center put another foot on the ball and freed the ball for a final push into the goal.

After this goal, we put in fresh legs and managed to finish the game in an offensive mode. The Hot Shots worked hard in this game and finished 1-0 over Palmer.

This week, the Hot Shots will be playing in the Ludlow Columbus Day Tournament on Saturday and Sunday.

U-11 Girls - "Cobras"

On October 2nd, the Cobras faced Northampton at Agawam Middle School. It took less than two minutes for the hometown girls to put the first goal in the net.

They tallied again before the first half ended, for a 2-0 lead at halftime. The offense for the Cobras kept on clicking and they continued to control the ball in the second half. Their passing was outstanding and they posted two more goals before the game ended.

On Saturday afternoon, the Cobras took on Westfield. The girls from Westfield are one of the most improved teams in the division. In their first meeting, both teams played very well. It was a real defensive battle. The Cobras prevailed, 1-0.

The Cobras played well in the first half, controlling the play for much of the half. They scored first, and held a 1-0 lead at halftime.

Soon after the second half got underway, the Cobras scored again, going up 2-0. Westfield let it be known that they weren't about to go quietly when they put their first goal into the net about midway through the half.

Westfield had a couple more good rushes before the Cobras regained the momentum. They put the final goal by the goalkeeper with about five minutes left in the game.

Westfield's lone goal was only the second goal allowed by the Cobras in 16 games. The girls have been relying on timely scoring and outstanding defense to bring their record to 10-0-0, tops in their division.

U-12 Girls - "Lightning"

The Agawam Lightning has just completed their first 10 games of this fall schedule with a glittering record of eight wins, one loss, one tie (8-1-1), putting them in second place in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League's Girls' Under 12 First Division.

The girls continue to practice hard to refine their skills. The team's spirit has never been higher as the girls have demonstrated a "never-

say-die" attitude, as evidenced by Ellen Rannenberg's goal with 10 seconds left in the game to beat the Ludlow Vipers, 1-0, in a recent game.

At presstime, Amanda Janik is leading the team in goal scoring with an amazing 21 goals in 10 games. She has been "on fire" all season.

Other goal scorers to date for the Lightning are Amy Proulx, Ashley Smith, Caitlin Foley, Meghan Kelly, Sara Skolnick, Megan Gloster, and Ellen Rannenberg.

The Lightning have received strong goaltending primarily from Megan Gloster and Meghan Kelly.

Many of the girls have played more than one position this season. For example, Katherine Bitzas, Rachel Keenan, Pavlina Moysis, Allison Siedlik, have all played forward, midfield, and fullback.

The team's vital middle of the field lineup has usually been comprised of Bethany Reid dominating at sweeper, Tory Lyons playing a strong center fullback, Sara Skolnick controlling the field as center fullback, and Amanda Janik blazing as striker.

Strong fullback plays have come from Meghan Ennis, Jen Miarecki, and Laura Pederson, among others.

Caitlin Foley, Ashley Smith, and Ellen Rannenberg have contributed with gallant work at fullback.

Amy Proulx, Meghan Kelly, Megan Gloster, and Rachel Keenan have been flying at wing.

As you can see, all the girls have contributed and worked to make this team successful and fun.

The Lightning have four games left to play this season. They are striving to finish as high as they can in the standings and to qualify for the post season tournament. They will also be participating in the Cape Cod Open Columbus Day Weekend Tournament this coming weekend.

U-13 Girls - "Cougars"

Easthampton came to Agawam on Saturday morning and the Cougars were ready for them. Our first goal came when Lindsey Francis, one of our outstanding halfbacks, stole the ball from her opponent and sent it up to teammate Katie Baum.

Katie crossed it over to Erin McClane, who slammed a clean shot into the goal. But Easthampton fought back and managed to get by our defense to score. The first half ended in a tie.

The pressure was one for our defense, but Heather Cox, Christina Knodler, Brittany Theriault, and Sabrina Brizzolari came through for us. There were also many outstanding saves by goalie Gina Saimeri.

The halfbacks, Ashley Marek, Angela Buendo, Lindsey Francis, and Katie Baum, brought the ball to the forwards. Kaitlyn Haglund managed to

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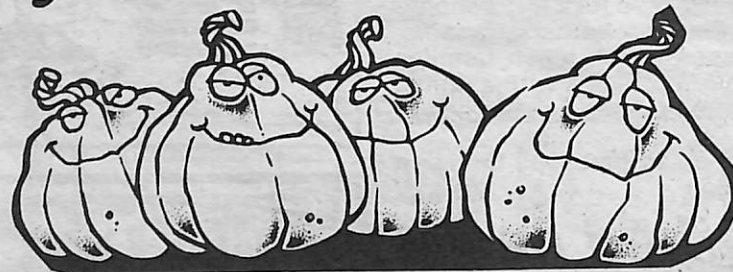
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capitalize on the great teamwork and crossed the ball to Jodie Pfau, who sent it in to score our second goal.

Kaitlyn Haglund brought the ball up the right wing and bombed one at the goal. The score was now 3-1.

It was an exciting game, especially for the moms and dads, who could be heard cheering on the sidelines.

On Sunday, the Cougars faced a tough opponent in Holy Name. Holy Name scored first. Shortly thereafter, the Cougars came back with a goal of their own scored by Sarah Leydon, with an assist from Erin McClane.

The score remained tied despite the valiant efforts by the entire Cougar team.

The game was decided by an indirect kick by Holy Name. The Cougars are now 4-4-2.

U-13 Girls - "Tigers"

The U-13 Agawam Tigers remained in second place in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League's first division with a record of 7-3-1 after games on Saturday, October 4th and Tuesday, October 7th.

At the Junior High School on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, the Tigers faced the East Longmeadow Strikers, the league's perennial power. When it was over, EL had a 1-0 victory, its 62nd straight league game without a loss.

EL scored its lone goal with only a minute remaining in the first half on a direct kick from 25 yards out. Goalie Vicky Taylor made a leaping save on the drive but the rebound was knocked home during a brief scramble in the goalmouth.

Vicky Taylor was the story in this game. She was under constant pressure as EL buzzed the Agawam zone from start to finish. Several of her saves were of the sensational variety, including two from point-blank range.

The Tigers, who lost to EL by a 2-0 score last month, played a much stronger game in that setback and had several strong scoring bids. This was not the case in their latest encounter with EL. Striker Danielle Cirillo played lots of fullback in this game and turned in another strong effort, as did center halfback Whitney Brown.

Against rival West Springfield on Tuesday night at the Middle School, the Tigers made amends in a 2-0 victory which was not as close as the score indicates. West Side is one of the league's tougher teams and has finished second to EL over the past few seasons.

From the start, the Tigers dominated, especially in the middle of the field where center fullback Melissa Savenko played her best game of the season. She was all over the field, as were center halfback Whitney Brown and outside halfbacks Aimee Beaudette (very strong game), Jen Sharpe (likewise, excellent performance), Nicole Gendreau, Kate Horniak, and Victoria Ruhl.

The Tigers scored four minutes into the game when striker Danielle Cirillo (also played a strong fullback during the game) fired a shot on goal from 15 yards out. The rebound came out to right wing Kaitlin Sardella (also played some excellent fullback during the game) who drilled home her eighth goal into the lower left-corner.

About 10 minutes into the second half, Melissa Savenko launched a shot from 35 yards out, dead-center over the goalie's head for the 2-0 lead. The Tigers continued to apply heavy pressure through left wing Meaghan Brown, and forwards Karen Prisby and Maureen Quinlan.

Fullbacks Tricia Fitchben and Sherri Laskowski, and sweeper Kim Hoague constantly beat the West Side forwards to the ball and helped the Tigers' halfbacks with the intense domination of the midfield.

Goalie Vicky Taylor registered the easy shutout.

U-9 Boys - "Falcons"

Starting this season as a new team, the Falcons have been progressing steadily and have shown marked improvement. Victory finally came on Sunday after many close games.

Saturday's game was one of the many close ones this season. Sean Bruno fired the ball into the goal shortly into the first half, giving the Falcons the lead. The quick action of Steve Ferrigno, Michael Seaver, and Brenton Schivley, along with our vigilant defensemen, allowed us to dominate for much of the game.

Much practiced ball handling skills kept our worthy opponent from scoring until an unfortunate penalty kick. Holy Name scored and tied up the game 1-1.

Sunday's game against East Longmeadow proved quite successful for the Falcons. With a determined front line and sharp defensive action, victory was achieved.

Paul Glantz scored for the Falcons with an assist from Rashad Wright. Throughout the game, the aggressiveness of forwards Steve Carmody, Nick Allen, and Ryan Belisle kept the ball close to the opponent's goal. Our tireless defensemen

Brian Moran and Nick Roberts along with goalie Joe King, did a great job of preventing the opponents from scoring.

The Falcon coaches and fans are proud of the teamwork, determination, and fine sportsmanship the players have shown this season.

U-9 Boys - "Ball Hogs"

This past Saturday, the Agawam Ball Hogs beat East Longmeadow, 1-0, in a very competitive match. After a scoreless first half, a corner kick by Thomas Albano made its way into the goal.

Solid defensive teamwork and pressure to the opponents by Allan Murphy and once again, Thomas Albano, held back East Longmeadow.

Goalie Jason Polek made some exceptional saves at the goal, while Ball Hogs' players Anthony DePalma, Ryan Wytrych, and Anthony Costa took shots on goal.

On Sunday, although the Ball Hogs dominated the game, they were defeated by the Amherst Hurricanes, 1-0.

Throughout this intense game, front line men Chris Darnell and Ryan Wytrych made numerous shots on goal trying desperately to score.

Aggressive teamwork by Carmino Bonavita, Allan Murphy, Chris Wyman, and Thomas Albano held Amherst back from the opportunity to score additional goals.

The Ball Hogs' record stands at 6-2-1. With the last three games of the season against Northampton, Ludlow Lasers, and Holy Cross approaching, the Ball Hogs are optimistic and ready to play hard.

U-10 Boys - "Cheetahs"

Finally, no more 1-1 ties for the Agawam Cheetahs. After five consecutive games in which all ended in hard-fought 1-1 ties, the string was broken.

This weekend, the boys played their hearts out and battled through two scoreless ties. Once again, it was strong goaltending and an aggressive defense which held at bay the opposition.

Steady teamwork, strong passing, and constant hustle by all the forwards put pressure on both weekend opponents to no avail.

U-11 Boys - "Attack"

Last Thursday, October 2nd, the Attack traveled to East Longmeadow to take on the first place East Longmeadow Cobras.

The Cobras struck first by putting a shot into the upper corner of the net five minutes into the game. After that goal, the Attack took over and 10 minutes later, Matt Sadowski made a picture perfect throw in to Joey Albano and Joey buried a shot into the upper corner to tie the game at 1-1.

The Attack continued to carry the play for the rest of the first half, but could not finish off their plays and the half ended at 1-1. The second half was controlled by East Longmeadow as they finally scored twice in the last 10 minutes of the game for a 3-1 victory.

On Saturday, the Attack traveled to UMass to play the Amherst Lightning. The boys came out firing on all cylinders and never looked back in a 6-3 victory.

Joey Albano and Scott Santinello scored two goals each, Andrew King and David Summers had one goal each. The Attack also received strong efforts from Nick Cardaropoli, Trevor Gregor, Seamus Moran, Sean Deglis, Kevin Malloch, and Kevin Bienia. The boys' current record stands at 3-5-2.

Boys' Under 12 - "Hawks"

On Labor Day weekend, the Agawam Hawks kicked off another fall soccer season. Emerging from their division 3-0-1, they entered into a tough

defensive battle in their semi-final game.

The Hawks played hard, but were scored upon once; enough to lose the game. This sent them into the fray for third place, a game played well, and after which they were victorious.

The weekend saw them emerge 4-1-1, scoring 18 goals, allowing only two, and in third place in the Riverside Classic.

The first half of the regular soccer season has gone well for the Hawks. They are 5-1-1, in a solid second place, only one point behind first.

The Hawks plan to continue to practice hard, play hard, and have fun!

U-14 Boys - "Rockets"

The Rockets began the weekend playing Hampshire United, a team that previously had given the Agawam team a tough time playing to a 0-0 deadlock.

Saturday's game proved to be no different with this game more closely resembling a rugby match rather than a soccer game. Brian Knight started the scoring off for Agawam as he picked up a loose ball in front of the Hampshire goal and drilled it home for a 1-0 lead.

The visitors, however, came back and knotted the score 1-1 at the half. In the second half, the physical play brought to the field by the visitors was allowed to continue to escalate. The Rockets, not to be intimidated by any team, started to apply the pressure in the offensive end and soon Matt Ligenza was given a beautiful feed down the middle.

He split between two defenders and placed the ball into the far corner for a 2-1 Agawam advantage. Nick DePalma then picked up a feed down the left wing, broke by the defender, and shot the ball off the post and into the net to clinch the game for Agawam.

The Rockets are to be commended for maintaining their composure as well as they did under less than favorable conditions for playing a game of soccer.

Sunday's game brought a much different game as the Rockets traveled to Ludlow. Clean play and ball control was the name of the game in this finely played contest.

Rob Cullen assisted on both Agawam goals as Agawam handed Ludlow a 2-0 defeat. Agawam's first goal came on a feed from Rob to a streaking Nick DePalma down the left side. Nick let go a 25-yard bullet the Ludlow keeper had no chance to save for a 1-0 halftime lead.

The score stayed that way because of the good defensive play by John Lynch and Tony Valenti along with some tremendous saves by goalie Shawn Mercadante, who recorded his fifth shutout of the season.

Vinny Outhuse and Mike DeCaro played well in the midfield coming back on defense and helping to keep Ludlow from putting in the equalizer. Their hard work paid off when Rob stepped up and intercepted a Ludlow clearing pass.

He brought the ball down to the corner and placed a beautiful ball into the middle of the field that the Ludlow goalie couldn't handle. Adam Rovithis pounced on the loose ball and drove it home to ice the victory for the Rockets, who go into the Columbus Day Weekend break at 8-0-2.

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Practices begin the first week in December. Games begin the first week in January.

Fee: \$45 per participant.

Registration for Instructional and Youth Basketball is scheduled for Thursday, October 9th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Junior High School Cafeteria. After that date, registration will be accepted at the Recreation Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until Friday, October 17th, or until the program is full.

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Former AHS Basketball Star Again Playing For AIC Women

Former Agawam High School girls' basketball star Cindy (Stone) Fontanilles will once again play an important role on the women's varsity at American International College this coming inter-collegiate season.

Fontanilles was the 1994 "Player of the Year" for Coach Louis Conte's AHS Brownies, one of the region's premiere schoolgirl basketball programs.

Fontanilles made her debut at AIC a year ago as a sophomore after transferring over from Division I St. Joseph's in Philadelphia and added height

and experience to the team. The 6'2 center/forward averaged 9.4 points per game and 5.5 rebounds for the 18-10 Yellow Jackets a year ago. She started 24 games for AIC Coach Peter Cinella, who will be entering his fifth year at the Yellow Jacket helm.

AIC will be seeking to improve on its 11-7 Northeast 10 record from 1996-1997 and will be hoping to gain its third NCAA tournament bid in the past four years. The 1997-1998 season opens with Southampton University coming to the AIC campus in Springfield on Sunday, November 16th.

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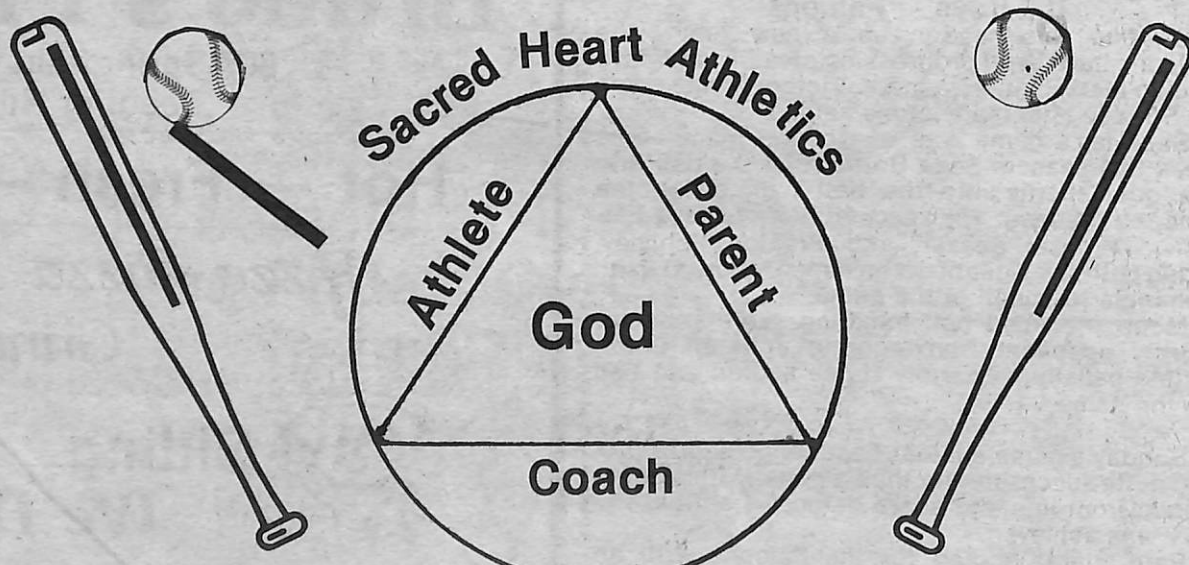
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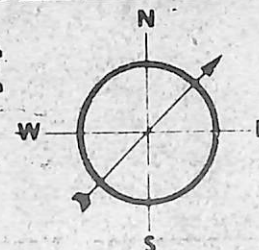
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Beef Round Stew Beef	\$2.69 Lb.
Country Style Pork Ribs	\$1.89 Lb.
Hillshire Farms Kielbasa	\$1.69 Lb.
Grade "A" Chicken Legs	69¢ Lb.
Thighs	79¢ Lb.
Drumsticks	89¢ Lb.
Fresh Ground Chuck	
5 Lbs. Or More	\$1.69 Lb.
10 Lbs. Or More	\$1.49 Lb.
Fresh Ground Round	
5 Lbs. Or More	\$2.49 Lb.
10 Lbs. Or More	\$1.99 Lb.
Brisket Corned Beef (Flat Cut)	\$2.69 Lb.
Frozen Hamburg Patties (5 Lb. Box)	\$8.99
Whole Butt Tenderloins	\$4.69 Lb.



SEAFOOD

Frozen Swordfish Steaks	\$3.99 Lb.
Alaskan King Crab Legs	\$9.99 Lb.

Tuesday & Wednesday SPECIALS

Lean Domestic Ham

\$1.39 Lb.

Sunday & Monday, October 12th & 13th

Fresh Ground Chuck (85% Lean)

\$1.39 Lb.
(5 Lbs. Or More)

DELI

Land O' Lakes White American Cheese	\$2.89 Lb.
Russer German Bologna	\$1.19 Lb.
Krakus Imported Ham	\$3.99 Lb.
Russer Low Salt Ham	\$3.49 Lb.
Thumann's Gourmet Turkey Breast	\$4.99 Lb.
Deutsmacher Polish Loaf	\$2.39 Lb.
Weaver Chicken Roll	\$2.39 Lb.
Austrian Alps Imported Swiss Cheese	\$2.99 Lb.
Store Made (White Meat) Chicken Salad	\$3.99 Lb.

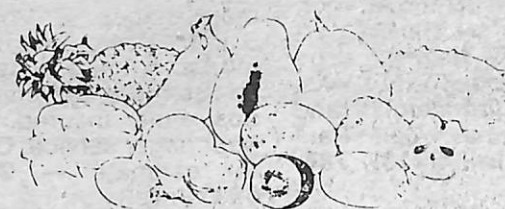
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New Crop Local Potatoes	
10 Lb. Bag	\$1.39
50 Lb. Bag	\$6.99
Hot House Tomatoes	\$1.39 Lb.
Celery Hearts (Pkg.)	89¢
Native Bosc Pears	89¢ Lb.
McIntosh, Cortland, & Empire Apples	49¢ Lb.



DAIRY

Sweet Life 1% Low Fat Milk (Gallon)	\$2.19
Hood Chocolate Milk (1/2 Gallon)	\$1.39
Grade "A" Jumbo Eggs (Dozen)	99¢

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